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## DNIEPER BATTLE LOOMING

**Strategic Russian Withdrawal**

### Both Sides Waiting For Second Wind

ONLY HITLER AND THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND KNOW WHETHER THE THRUST IN THE SOUTHERN UKRAINE IS A FULL-BLOWN OFFENSIVE. CERTAINLY IT SEEMS A FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL OPERATION AND, MEASURED IN MILES, INDICATES A CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE OF THE GERMAN RIGHT WING, SAYS "ANNALIST."

The Russians admit they have fallen back from Peirvomask and Kirovograd, 720 miles north of Nikolaiev. They seem to be retiring behind the bend of the River Dnieper, which forms a formidable natural obstacle.

There is nothing to suggest that their retreat has been anything but orderly and there is no indication that the Germans have forced the Dnieper.

### THREE MAIN ISSUES

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

Although the most spectacular feature of the meeting between President Roosevelt and Mr. Winston Churchill was the eight-point programme of the peace aims of two great democracies, other momentous questions are believed to have been thoroughly discussed and the decisions are expected to become manifest in due course.

The three principle issues debated, it is surmised, concerned the Battle of the Atlantic, aid to Russia and the situation in the Far East.

In regard to the first point it is predicted that the whole system of the present methods of defence will be revised. Naturally, how they will be modified is a secret, but no doubt the Germans will soon learn to their cost the increased efficiency of the dispositions taken.

#### The Far East

Regarding aid to Russia, it seems likely that consultations with the Russian authorities may be undertaken and the possibility of a conference between high representatives of Britain and America and the Government of

The Germans claim to have taken Krivoirog, an important mining town south-east of Kirovograd.

This may be due to the confusion of two like-sounding names but if true the possession of Krivoirog cannot be of any service to the Germans.

What they want is not ore but oil and they will find precious little of that commodity in the wake of the Soviet Army.

#### Situation At Odessa

It is suggested that the exaggerated importance attached to the Ukraine advance, and the alleged presence of Hitler in this region, are designed to make the Soviet believe that it is the main push.

The presence of Rumanians and Hungarians does not bear out this suggestion. In any case the Russians are not taking any chances.

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the Soviet Union is not ruled out to ensure speedy decisions and the proper apportionment of the joint resources.

It is understood that Mr. Harry Hopkins has already furnished valuable information on Russia's direct necessities and it is not improbable, it is felt, that a proposal will be made to Mr. Stalin on these lines.

Regarding the Far East, the arrival of further British reinforcements will be a help, but there is no tendency to take any step that would be regarded by Japan as directly provocative so long as the Nippon Government is equally considerate.

Meanwhile the arms production programme is being speeded up both in Great Britain and America. — Reuter.

### JAPAN'S POLICY DECIDED

The violently antagonistic Tokyo press and semi-official reaction to the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration, apparently following Germany's lead, may, according to well-informed quarters, be regarded as an indication that Japan's decision as to her future policy is hopelessly irretrievable.

It is generally admitted that the joint declaration signifies America's readiness to enter the war in either ocean at any time should the occasion arise, but this has not dampened Japanese defiance against the inferred attempt to curb Japan's new order objectives.

Omission of any mention in the declaration of the Orient is now regarded as mere "camouflage" for the alleged attempt to wean Japan and the smaller European nations away from the Axis.

Despite the absence in the announcement of any reference to Japan, many newspapers in Tokyo consider that the formulation of methods to keep Japan in check undoubtedly constituted one of the chief topics at the Churchill-Roosevelt meeting.

The "Hochi Shimbun" describes the declaration as a "mask" and warns Japan not to be deceived by it.

The newspaper urges "comprehension of the significance of a hidden understanding between President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill in order to cope with future developments." — Reuter.

### D'AGUILAR TRAGEDY ECHO

C. Zaitzeff, who was amongst those involved in the D'Aguilar mishap on Tuesday night, is at present in the Kowloon Hospital being treated for back injuries. An X-ray taken earlier in the week revealed that no bones had been broken.

Mr. Zaitzeff was treated at Queen Mary Hospital on the night of the mishap but was not detained. He returned to his home in Kowloon and later collapsed and was removed to the Kowloon Hospital where his condition is stated to be satisfactory.

### DEFENCE BILL APPROVED

The House of Representatives in Washington yesterday approved the revised Defence Appropriation Bill amounting to \$7,575,000,000. — Reuter.

### MOSCOW MEETING RUMOURED

The New York evening newspapers yesterday splashed a report that Mr. Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt are planning to suggest to Stalin a meeting in Moscow between Stalin, his war chiefs and high British and American officials.

The "New York Post" had a streamer headline, "Three-Power Conference in Moscow Planned." The "Sun" proclaimed more cautiously in streamer headlines: "United States and Britain may ask Stalin to join conference."

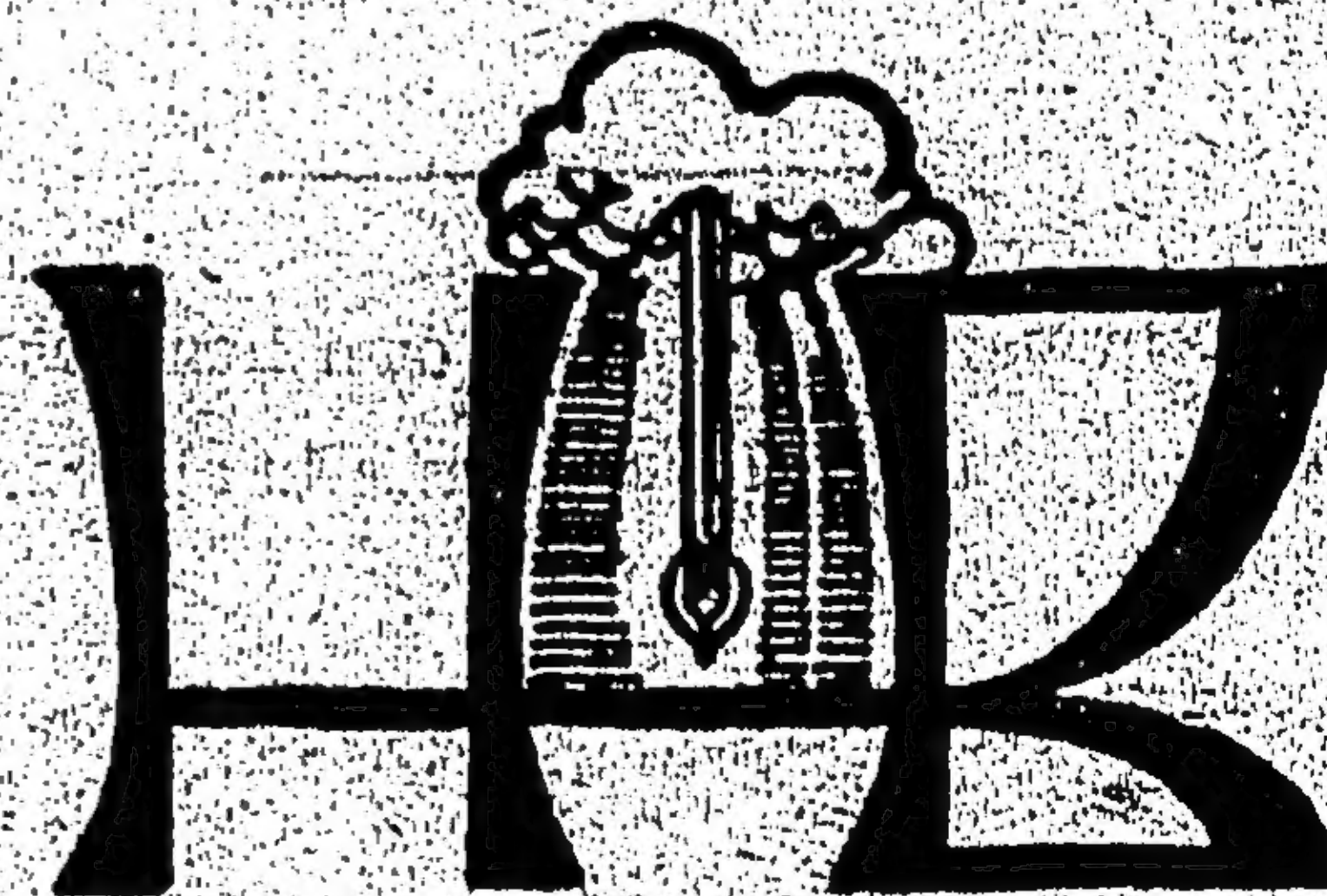
The "New York World-Telegram" speculating on Anglo-American moves, had a streamer headline: "Capital expects surprise move to follow sea parley."

#### Cordell Hull Statement

Asked at his press conference yesterday if he would welcome a Russian endorsement of the Roosevelt-Churchill eight-point declaration, Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, expressed the hope and expectation that all nations — except those avowedly on a mission of destruction — would give their support.

Mr. Hull indicated that there might be some announcement concerning Russia possibly envisaging a Three-Power meeting of British, American and Russian experts on the Soviet's war needs. — Reuter.

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# FAR EAST TENSION GRAVE

## Warning Statement By G.O.C. In Singapore

### H.K. SHIP DEFENCE MEASURES

An order entitled the Merchant Ships (Defence and Fire Fighting) Order appears in the Gazette this morning.

Directions under this order may be given by the Commodore or by a Flag or Naval Officer in charge of naval establishments in Hong Kong, or by any officer authorised in writing by any of the aforementioned officers.

Subject to any directions under this order, there shall be kept in every ship while in any port in this Colony such members of the crew or, when articles have been closed, such a number of men, as are necessary to man the fire fighting appliances of the ship.

When directed by any officer named in paragraph 2, there shall remain on board every British ship while in any port in this Colony such members of the crew or, when articles are closed, such a number of men, as are necessary to man the defensive equipment of the ship.

### "UNIDENTIFIED" AIRCRAFT OVER DUBLIN

An unidentified aircraft flew over Dublin yesterday morning and was fired upon by the ground defences.

This was announced by the Eire Government Information Bureau last evening. —Reuter.

### 24-HOUR A.R.P. IN INDIA

A 24-hour system of fire-watching and auxiliary services to deal with fires caused by incendiary bombs, is to be instituted in India. Instructions to this effect have been issued by Government for the guidance of provincial governments. —Reuter.

## New Troops Give Added Confidence

**"OUR ENEMIES MAY MEASURE THEIR ARMIES IN MILLIONS; WE MEASURE OURS IN SPIRIT AND DETERMINATION. IT IS NOT SO MUCH THE SIZE OF THE DOG IN THE FIGHT AS THE FIGHT IN THE DOG."**

Major-General Gordon Bennet, commanding the Australian and Imperial Forces in Malaya, made these remarks when he broadcast to Australia yesterday from Singapore.

He declared: "Tension shall be able to deal effectively with any enemy. The units will concentrate on training, realising that they have no time to lose, but they will soon reach the same standard of efficiency as earlier arrivals."

Senator H. S. Foll, Australian Minister of Interior and Information, who arrived in Singapore yesterday with a delegation of editors of Australian newspapers at the invitation of the Malayan Government, described the reinforcements as "the best possible representation Australia could have here."

Senator Foll described the Roosevelt-Churchill Declaration as "most valuable as it defines certain war aims."

"I regard it as the forerunner of still more momentous declarations of our war aims of the future." —Reuter.

### ABCD Front

The press in Australia is in favour of closer liaison on the ABCD front, said Mr. E. G. Knox, spokesman of the Australian journalists party upon arrival in Singapore.

Mr. Knox emphasised the importance of the ABC and Dutch solidarity in the Pacific.

Senator H. S. Foll, Australian Minister of Interior and Minister of Information, stated his mission was to investigate the possibility of stronger Australian representation in Malaya.

Continuing, Senator Foll said that Australian policy toward Japan and China is similar to British policy. "Whatever Britain feels," he stated, "Australia feels the same."

Much as he would like to visit China, said Senator Foll, time probably would not permit him doing so. —Central News.

## SINGAPORE BAN IS REMOVED

It is officially announced in Singapore that the ban on family remittances from Malaya to China, which was imposed following the freezing of foreign accounts of residents in China, has been removed. It is stated that family remittances to occupied areas in China will also be permissible.

The announcement was made while Chinese were considering representations to Government on the ground that such remittances were most essential for the sustenance of families of Malayan Chinese in China. — Central News.

## H.K. APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments etc., are gazetted:—

Mr. A. T. Wellborn recognised as Vice-Consul of the United States of America at H.K.

Mr. A. E. Southard resumed charge of the United States Consulate-General at H.K.

Mr. C. E. M. Terry to be Chief Atty Rtd. Warden for Kowloon, N.K. and the N.T.

Mr. L. G. Morgan to act as Senior Inspector of Schools, Education Department.

Mr. J. Angwin to be Assistant Superintendent of Crown Lands.

Lieut. D. M. Richards resigned his commission in the H.K.V.D.C.

Mr. F. C. Grant to be Acting Sub-Lieut. in the H.K.N.V.F.

Mr. A. C. Meredith to be Controller of Food.

Mr. B. J. Lacon to be an Assistant Controller of Trade in relation to metals.

Mr. T. F. Lo to be Deputy Commissioner of Police (Chinese Special Constabulary).

## DEATH OF LORD WILLINGTON

Lady Willington has received messages of sympathy from all parts of the world on the death of her husband, Lord Willington, former Viceroy of India and Governor-General of Canada. She yesterday issued a statement expressing heartfelt thanks to those who have sent messages, and hopes to answer all individually in due course. —Reuter.

## DRAMATIC STORY OF BLAZING ATLANTIC 'PLANE

ONE MAN WAS actually got out alive from the blazing British Atlantic ferry plane and taken to hospital but died there during the night, it was further revealed in London yesterday in connection with the second air tragedy in England in the past week.

The man was Earl Wellington Watson, of Los Angeles, California.

An eye-witness described how he noticed a change in the bent of the engines as he watched the plane taking off.

"It was not many feet off the ground," he said, "when it began to drop. Then I was horrified to see the machine hit the road before it hurtled into a cornfield."

It appears the heavy petrol load was a big obstacle to successful rescue.

### Series Of Fires

A series of fires broke out and although three fire-brigades with

rescue parties of airmen and soldiers tried to get at the trapped men it was impossible to extricate any but one man.

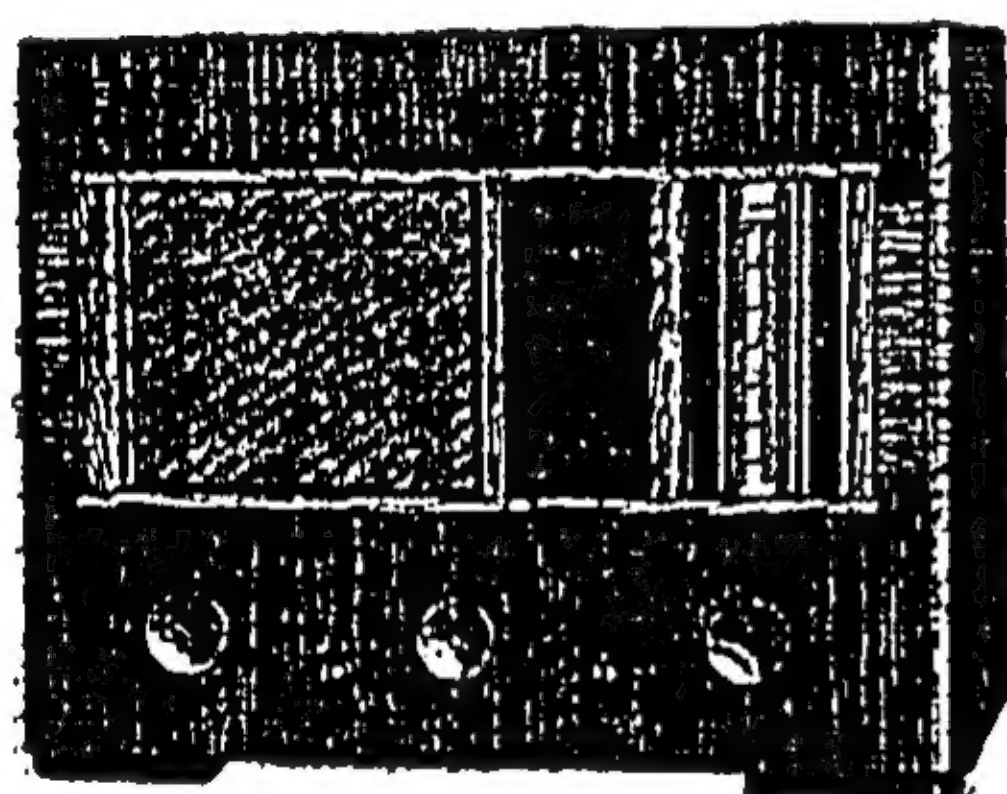
Meanwhile the 22 victims of the first transoceanic air crash last Sunday were buried yesterday with naval honours.

The Stars and Stripes draped the coffins of the men from the United States and the Union Jack each of the others. —Reuter.

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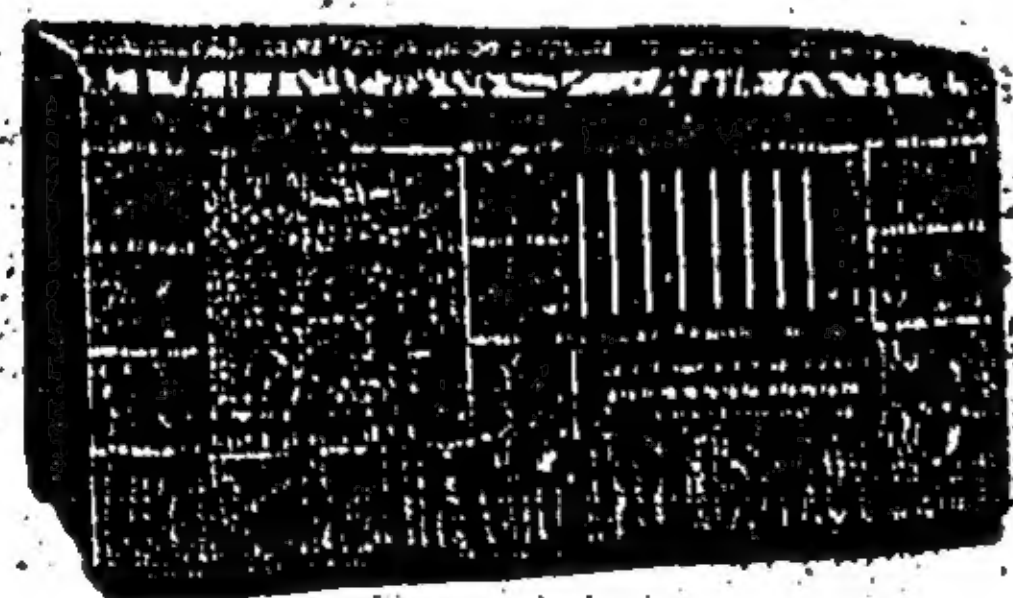
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# Berlin Makes An Attempt To Answer Britain And America

## TOBRUK PATROLS ACTIVE

Successful patrol activities round the Tobruk area were announced in a Middle East communique issued in Cairo yesterday afternoon.

The communique says that during the night of August 13/14 a fighting patrol from Tobruk surprised an enemy strong point, killing the entire garrison of 12.

Following up this success the patrol penetrated still further and engaged strong working parties of the enemy with grenades and light machine-gun fire.

In another sector our artillery brought heavy and effective fire to bear on two other working parties of the enemy.

Although heavy dust storms on Thursday interfered with our movements outside Tobruk our patrols were again active in the frontier area.—Reuter.

## INDIAN BAND WINS PRIZE

An Indian military band won the first prize for the smartest turn-out at a harvest carnival held at the Jewish settlement near Haifa.

The band led the procession at the opening of the carnival at which tractors and other farming machines were paraded.

The officer commanding the band, in thanking the judges, disclosed that the band previously had won second prize at an all-India competition.

Many visitors, including Arabs, came from neighbouring villages to see the show.—Reuter.

## A CLEAR EPITOME

"THAT CLEAR EPITOME OF OBJECTIVES COMPLETELY ACCORDS WITH THE SPIRIT AND DETERMINATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOUR PARTY."

So said Mr. Curtin, Labour leader, commenting in Melbourne yesterday on the Churchill-Roosevelt declaration.

"I cannot imagine a Trade Unionist in any country, including Germany and the countries occupied by Germany, being other than inspired by this historic message," he added.—Reuter.

## SURE PARRY TO PEACE MOVES

AN EDITORIAL in the Free French newspaper "France" in London yesterday, commenting on the Anglo-American declaration, says: "Here, then, are the peace aims of the Western Democracies."

"It is at once a charter of nations and a charter of labour."

"By many of its traits, in fact, the common Anglo-American declaration recalls the Fourteen Points of President Wilson, the Pact of the League of Nations and the Statute of the International Labour Organisation."

"It contains nothing to which the Allies of Great Britain, Soviet Russia included, can raise objection."

### Sure Parry

"Furthermore, it is a sure parry to the peace offensive which"

## Not Taken Seriously!

AN ATTEMPT to answer point by point the joint declaration by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt was made in Berlin political quarters yesterday, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Dagens Nyheter."

Regarding Point One, declaring the United States and Britain seek "no aggrandisement, territorial or otherwise," it is asked in Berlin, why did America and Britain occupy Greenland and Iceland?

To Point Two, saying there "should be no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned," the comment is "See Syria and Iraq."

To Point Three, that "all peoples should have to choose the form of government under which they should live," it is asked in Berlin why an authoritarian regime is denied to great nations while Bolshevism is recognised in Russia.

### The Blockade

Grouping Points Four to Seven together, dealing with "access on equal terms to the trade and raw materials of the world; the fullest collaboration between all nations in the economic field; the establishment of peace after the destruction of Nazi Germany and a peace to enable all men to traverse the high seas and oceans without hindrance," the Berlin comment is: "Black-lists, blockades, American armaments, two-ocean fleets, and President Roosevelt's policy of bases."

It is stated: "The Anglo-Saxon powers reserve to themselves decisions as to who is to have freedom and who is to have raw materials."

### "One-Sidedness"

"This one-sidedness is more apparent in Point Eight," it is said, regarding the disarmament of aggressor nations pending the establishment of a more permanent system of general security.

Germany, it is added, "is therefore not inclined to take the declaration seriously at any point but there is no doubt that German arms will give an answer."—Reuter.

### Nazi Interest

The Wilhelmstrasse is taking time to digest the Anglo-American

declaration and hence no comment is available, states the "Basler Nachrichten."

Informed circles are more interested in what besides the eight points was discussed, and believe that the purpose of the meeting was to explore Anglo-American problems connected with the critical developments in Asia.—Reuter.

## ROOSEVELT TO LAND IN AMERICA TO-DAY

INDICATION WAS GIVEN by the White House yesterday that President Roosevelt might disembark to-day at Swampscott, Massachusetts, but an announcement regarding his plans will be made at 1 a.m. (G.M.T.)

The White House spokesman indicated that any definite word regarding President Roosevelt's point of disembarkation must wait until then.

Journalists, cameramen and radio men have been gathered for the past fortnight at Swampscott, which is a few miles south of Boston and is the main yachting centre on the New England coast.

The President's special train, in which he travelled to New London to embark in his yacht, the "Potomac," has been waiting for him at Boston.

It is understood the President will have a conference with Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, by telephone immediately the yacht ties up.

Shortly afterwards it is expected the President will travel back to Washington.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, after returning from the Roosevelt-Churchill conference, spent most of the morning conversing with Mr. Cordell Hull.—Reuter.

## LISBON COMMENT

COMMENTING ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN DECLARATION THE "JORNAL DO COMERCIO" IN LISBON IS LIMITED BY THE DICTATES OF NEUTRALITY.

Nevertheless it declares clearly that the declaration states the basis upon which the new order to be founded after the war is resolved upon restoring to weaker peoples their sacred rights of free existence.

The eight points of the declaration are magnificent and tangible in their reality and reawaken hope in the world that right will supplant might, the paper says.—Reuter.

## "STRAITS TIMES" DISAPPOINTMENT

Commenting on the joint declaration issued after the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting, the "Straits Times" in Singapore said: "We had hoped for an uncompromising statement and a final 'hands off' warning to Japan." —Reuter.

## JUST A SUGGESTION

In the House of Representatives yesterday Mr. Thill (Republican) suggested President Roosevelt was not acting in his official capacity if he met Mr. Churchill outside the territorial limits of the United States.

Mr. Thill pointed out that Congress enacted a special resolution to permit President Wilson to attend the Versailles Conference.—Reuter.

## LION CUB OVERSTAYS LEAVE

"Bomber," the lion cub mascot of a South African Air Force unit, is missing. The South Africans had been on active service only a few weeks when they were presented with "Bomber," then about the size of a kitten.

He took to the Springboks at once, and his antics helped them to pass more pleasantly the weary months of waiting in the Kenya scrub before they started the campaign which drove the Italians back into Abyssinia.

"Bomber's" good temper in his romps with the airmen soon made him first favourite in the strange mascot zoo which the South Africans collected around them. As he grew instinct asserted itself, and he often spent several of the daylight hours hunting in the bush. He came back regularly before dark for his evening meal.

One evening the cub did not return, and the unit had to move to a new station without him. It is feared that Bomber may have been speared, or shot. "He may have frightened someone who did not know him," said one of the unit. "This should not have happened however, as he had a bell round his neck, and it was easy to see that he was a pet and not wild."

All the South Africans 'up north' are now on the look-out for "Bomber."

## POLISH ARMY IN RUSSIA

A Polish-Russian military agreement was signed in Moscow yesterday afternoon.

The agreement, which was based on principles worked out in London by General Sikorski and his staff and taken to Moscow by the Polish military mission, provides in detail for the formation of a Polish army in Soviet Russia.—Reuter.

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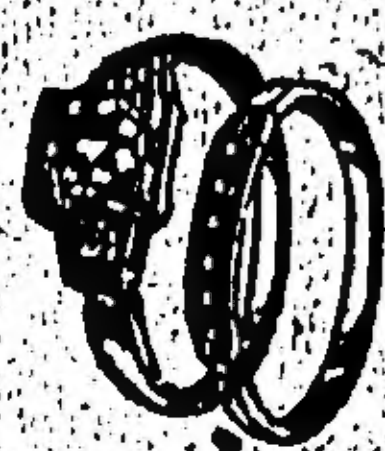
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For the loss of only one aircraft, R.A.F. bombers achieved the following operations: heavy bomb attacks on the Corinth Canal on the nights of August 8/9/13/14.

Subsequent examination of photographs shows considerable landslides on the banks of the Canal which were sufficient to prevent passage to enemy shipping for some considerable time. Bombs were dropped on the aerodrome at Heraklion (Crete). Heavy bombers attacked Tripoli on the night of August 13/14 obtaining hits on government buildings and A.A. gun positions.

## Swordfishes' Feat

Fleet Air Arm Swordfishes raided the submarine base at Augusta (Sicily) on the night of August 13/14, two hits being observed on the submarine jetty and a large fire breaking out on the quay.

Other Swordfishes bombed barracks blocks at Syracuse, starting a fire which spread over a large area causing two explosions.

Reconnaissance by Swordfishes of Syracuse harbour showed that a merchant vessel attacked by Swordfishes on the night of August 10/11 was sunk.

In Abyssinia enemy trenches and buildings were bombed on August 14 at Wolcheit. On the previous day at Gondar two direct hits were made on buildings near military headquarters and three on a training depot which started a number of fires. — Reuter.

## TURKEY PLEASED

The Istanbul morning papers carry full front-page headlines giving the substance of the texts of the identical declaration handed to the Turkish Government by the British and Soviet Ambassadors.

In the newspaper "Yeni Sabah" the well-known Deputy Yaltchin says: "The Anglo-Soviet joint declaration causes Turks real contentment because it annihilates all malevolent rumours pretending that the British and Russians had evil-minded plans against Turkey."

"A point that particularly overjoys Turks is that the initiative of the declarations came spontaneously from London and Moscow." — Reuter.

## NEW FREE FRENCH COMMANDERS

General de Gaulle has issued a decree appointing General Gentilhomme as Commander-in-Chief of the Free French forces in Africa and General Larminat as second-in-command to General Catroux in Syria and Lebanon. — Reuter.

## ITALIANS PREPARED FOR BAD NEWS

"One should spread the conviction that the war may last 10 years," says Bottai, Italian Education Minister, writing in "Critica Sociale" and recommending Italians to prepare for a long war.

This view is supported by Ciano's paper "Telegrafo" and the Milan Catholic newspaper "Italina." — Reuter.

## KUNMING HAVOC

IN ONE OF THE MOST DEVASTATING RAIDS MADE ON KUNMING SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR, 27 JAPANESE BOMBERS RAINED SEVERAL HUNDRED BOMBS ON THE BUSINESS DISTRICT AND SUBURBS.

Investigations show that cultural institutions, totally or partially demolished included the South-western United University, the Kunming Office of the well-known National Tsing Hua University (transplanted from Peiping) and the Yunnan Daily News. — Central News.

## ALLIED OFFICERS RETURNED

A contingent of Allied officer prisoners taken to France during the Syrian campaign has arrived in Beirut, having been returned by the French authorities, says Reuter from Beirut.

## SPECIAL U.S. FUND FOR TANKS

The Joint Committee of the House of Representatives and the Senate has agreed to the provision of a special fund of \$750,000,000 for the manufacture of tanks and other Ordnance.

The Committee's decision followed receipt of a letter by its Chairman from the Secretary of War, Colonel Stimson, saying that the manufacture of tanks and other ordnance was "of extreme importance to the country's security."

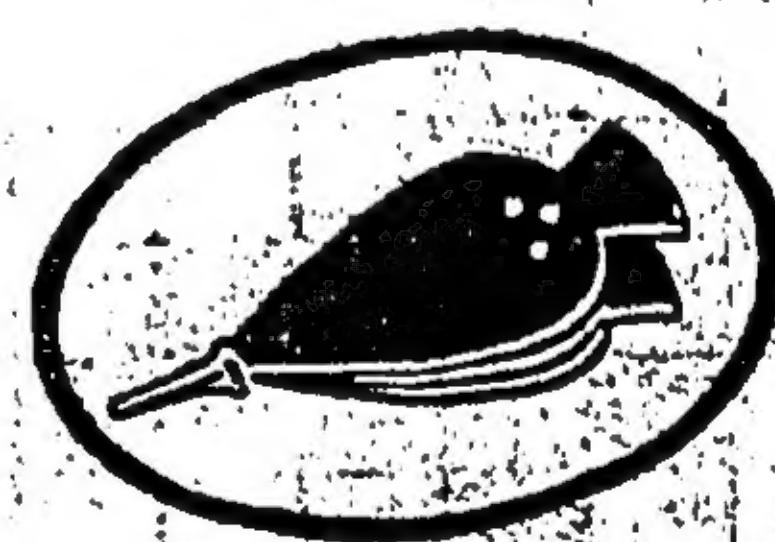
Senator Adams explained in an interview that the Committee had agreed to restore \$750,000,000 of the \$1,347,000,000 eliminated by the Senate on Thursday night from the measure allocating \$9,883,000,000 for national defence. — Reuter.

## CHUNGKING WELCOMES STATEMENT

THE CHURCHILL-ROOSEVELT DECLARATION HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED IN BOTH OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC CIRCLES IN CHUNGKING.

"The scheme indicates broad statesmanship and will go a long way towards promoting even closer cooperation among all the powers opposed to aggression," a semi-official statement says.

"Chinese political circles," it adds, "derive particular satisfaction from the fact that disarmament of the Axis powers after the war is made one of the major war aims of Great Britain and the United States." — Reuter.



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"INSPECTOR HORNLEIGH" KILLED

Mr. S. J. Warmington, the actor known to millions of listeners as "Inspector Hornleigh," the B.B.C. radio detective, was killed in a night raid on London.

He was in bed when incendiaries began to fall. He got up to help the fire-watchers and A.R.P. workers, and was dealing with fires when a high explosive bomb fell and killed him and several others. He was 56.

Councillor L. E. Smith, Mayor of Westminster, and Councillor K. G. R. Henley, Mayor of Bermondsey, were killed in air attacks on London. It was disclosed. The Mayor of Westminster was killed while visiting a shelter which received a direct hit, and Councillor Henley was killed by a bomb while helping the fire-fighting service.

General Sosnkowski, Vice-Premier of Poland, was injured in the back, neck, and hands in the raid. The General, who was Marshal Pilsudski's right-hand man, was the only General to win victory in the Polish campaign, defeating several German divisions near Lwow.

SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPLIES FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

THE RISING TIDE of South Africa's war supplies output, including vitally important repairs and replacements of parts of the Middle East mechanised armies, was outlined by the Union's Director-General of War Supplies, Dr. H. J. van der Bijl.

In a statement in Johannesburg yesterday he disclosed that expenditure exceeded at the end of March this year £43,250,000 which is almost as high as the Union's total 1939 pre-war Budget.

The South African war supply effort, having fulfilled the critically urgent task of equipping the Springbok Army for the East African campaigns, is now making important contributions to the common Empire pool.

Not only did South Africa's war supply output in July reach the highest levels ever but the

Union has already sent by air many tons of urgently needed spares for tanks, aircraft, and guns in the Middle East as a result of which much-needed fighting equipment quickly returned to service.

Mass Production

"This big repair shop development has been undertaken by the elastic adjustment of the existing armament programme without impairment to the planned output of major items," declared Dr. van der Bijl, who mentioned that the total delivery of South Africa's armoured and fighting vehicles now runs well into four figures and that these vehicles have been most successfully employed already in three campaigns.

The mass production of aerial and other bombs in progress for the past six months is being delivered to the Middle East thus saving valuable shipping space and time for Britain.

Women were operating machines in factories with the most excellent results.

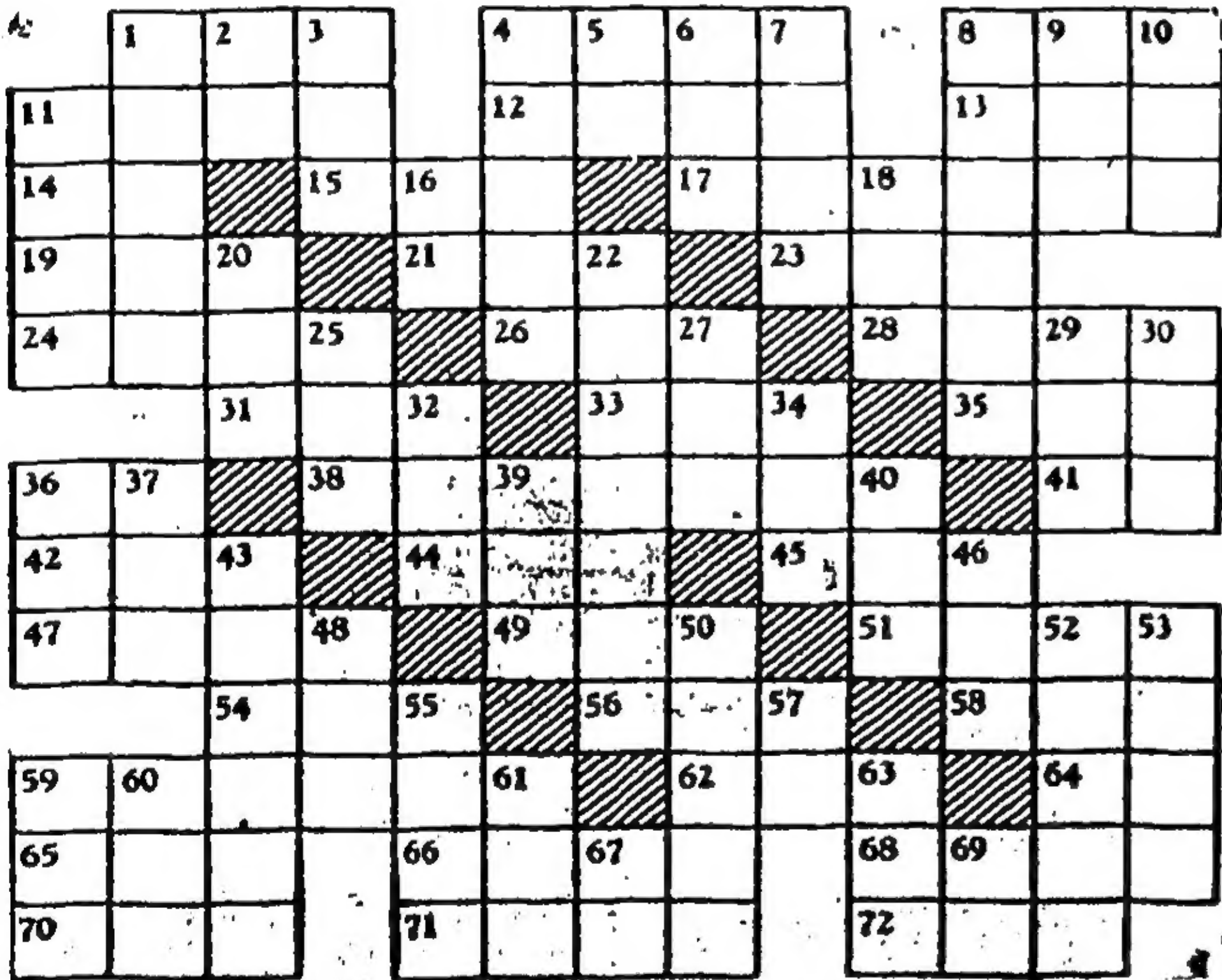
The most notable increase was in small arms and ammunition output thanks to the rapid construction of new factories and the flow of new machinery with the British Government's assistance. — Reuter.

SLENDER GIRLS WANTED

Small and slender girls are at a premium in the Iowa Social Welfare Board offices. Chairman King R. Palmer wrote the Iowa Executive Council that congestion in the Board's file room had caused "inefficient procedure and delayed operations" and "we are literally forced to use only the small and slender girls in this room."



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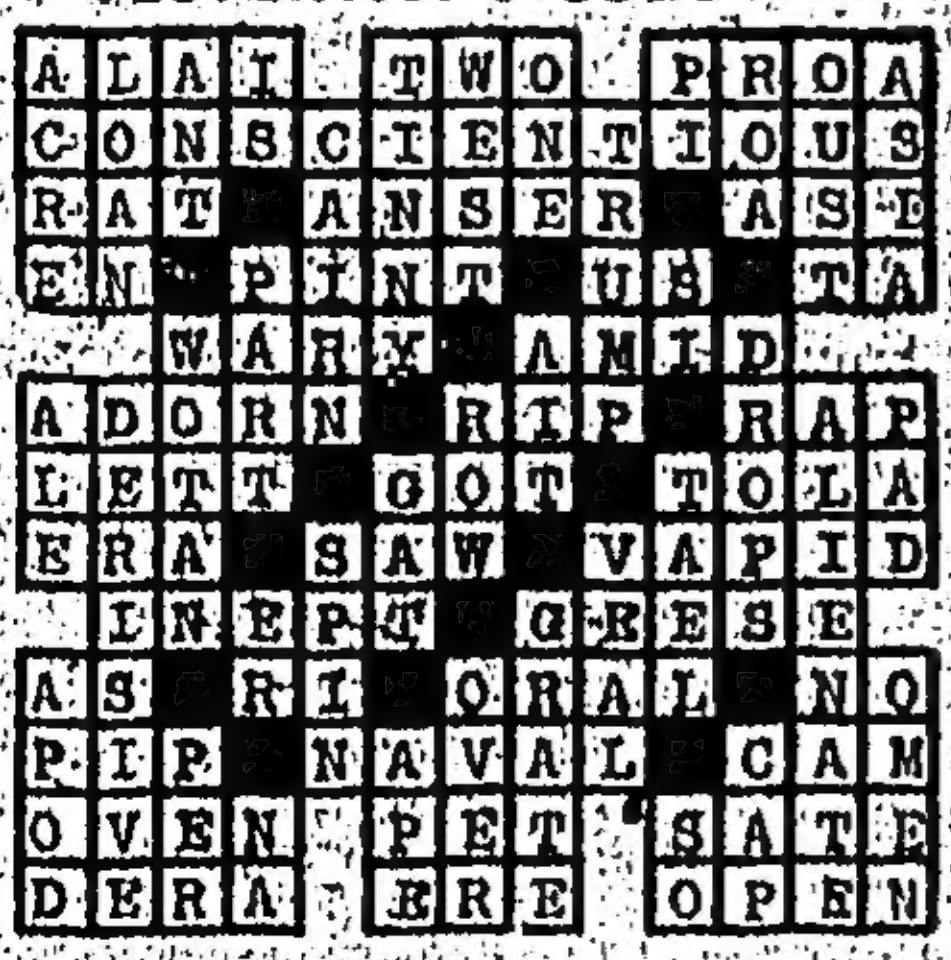
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Sharp blow
- 4 Clamp
- 8 Chart
- 11 To muddy
- 12 Former tear
- 13 Southwest
- 14 Greek letter
- 15 However
- 17 To consider
- 19 Residue
- 21 Dervish's cap
- 23 Compact mass
- 24 Part of a hammer
- 26 Meadow
- 28 Fruit
- 31 To cry like a cat
- 33 Fruit drink
- 35 Night before an event
- 36 Proposition
- 38 Surging
- 41 Article
- 42 Man's name
- 44 Likewise
- 45 Head organ
- 47 Narrow opening
- 49 Firearm
- 51 Military cap
- 54 Worm
- 56 To observe
- 58 Epoch

VERTICAL

- 1 To wake
- 2 Sloth
- 3 Fold
- 4 Necessary to life
- 5 Four
- 6 To weaken
- 7 Poetic; sufficient
- 8 Mix-up
- 9 Consumed
- 10 By
- 11 To break suddenly
- 16 French conjunction
- 18 To sleep
- 20 Border
- 22 Envious
- 25 Pen-point
- 27 Flurry
- 29 Indelible fruit
- 30 Males
- 32 Humorist
- 34 Sheep
- 36 Atmosphere
- 37 Prefix; three
- 39 Ship's record
- 40 Large ox
- 43 Character in "Vanity Fair"
- 46 Female ruff
- 48 Edible mollusk
- 50 Abyssinian title
- 52 Surgical instrument
- 53 Shakespearean villain
- 55 To wither
- 57 Babylonian deity
- 59 Cry of sheep
- 60 Football lineman
- 61 Animal hair
- 63 Pronoun
- 67 Artificial language
- 69 Hypothetical force

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION





# EIRE-ULSTER BORDER TO BE TIGHTENED

(By R. Maillard Stead)

**TIGHTENING OF military control along the border between the Irish Republic and the northern counties of Ulster is expected to result from talks between Mr. J. M. Andrews, North Ireland Premier, Sir Dawson Bates, North Ireland Home Secretary, and Mr. Herbert Morrison, British Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security.**

Mr. Morrison's visit is a sequel to Sir William Davison's complaint in Commons that enemy spies were crossing the open frontier between Ulster and Eire without hindrance and that information they picked up was being transmitted to Germany via the Nazi Legation in Dublin.

Questions in the House followed searchlight publicity which was swung suddenly onto this topic by official war correspondents here during the mock invasion of Northern Ireland which I have just been witnessing.

In this traditionally paradoxical Ireland the war seems both near at hand and a long way away. Hundreds of bomb-shattered and burned buildings in Belfast are a striking memorial to two Nazi night raids as intensive while they lasted as anything London, Coventry, Southampton or Plymouth ever knew. People speak of them now—so it seems to a visitor—as if they had been regrettable accidents that had slipped somehow out of the main stream of war and had exploded unreasonably in backwater.

## Ulster's Good Work

Not that Ulster is really backwater, of course. It is doing valuable work in Great Britain's war effort, making a big contribution of service in fighting and otherwise. But it is easier to forget war here than in Britain—and practically impossible to think of it when one goes out into villages with their long blocks of low stone dwellings set amid vivid green boglands scarred dark brown where diggers have taken up peat for fuel.

I spent one evening at a spot where in words of a ballad the Mountains of Mourne run down to the sea, walked along sands, talked with holidaymakers far more interested in the sunset than in the day's radio news they had not listened to. The only evidence of the war visible was the former window of an ice-cream parlour in front of which was a number of strollers in khaki.

Paradoxes are apt to be accepted as straight logic here, Irishmen say with a tone of humorous pride in their voices.

Ulster and Eire are crucibles wherein conflicting elements bubble in an admixture of strong sentiments that, blended, can yield surprising results both north and south of the border.

For instance, Ulstermen delight to protest their devotion to Britain and Britain's cause, yet many of them are so strongly opposed to conscription that the British Government decided not to attempt to bring the six counties into line with England, Scotland and Wales in this matter. "It would have meant civil war if they had," I was told by one Irishman who at the same time spoke with pride of the number of volunteers pouring into Britain's fighting services from both Ulster and Eire.

## Volunteers From Eire

It is amazing where journeys end for many southerners who come up across the border on excursions and instead of using the return tickets find their way—which isn't difficult—into recruiting offices and thence into the British Army or R.A.F.

In one country town near the border—described as a "hotbed of Irish Republican Army adherents" who now object to Premier Eamon de Valera almost as much as they object to the English—a local recruiting sergeant said the influx had increased since the Germans had what in a Nazi apology was described as a possible misadventure with bombs blown by a strong wind onto Dublin. Down south animosity toward England is an old Irish custom

based on a long chapter of historic grievances dating back to Cromwell. This was voiced with particular intensity to an American friend of mine who met a young Free Stater on a ferryboat crossing to England. "The English—sure I hate them," he said. "What do you do for a living?" he was asked in subsequent conversation. "Oh," was his reply, "I am a Hurricane pilot." Identity papers he produced in confirmation proved that this was so.

Belfast itself is a microcosm of Ireland's disunity in religious and political affairs. In the poorer region of Falls Road and the markets walls are chalked or painted with inscriptions such as "Up the Rebels," or "Welcome, Hitler" but along Shankill Road and Soney Lane, which are strongholds of Protestant Orangemen, legends run "No surrender—No Pope Here—Remember 1690—Ulster wants another Cromwell."

## Deep Schism

More than just a two-way split of religious and political opinion confuses Irish issues.

There are also Nationalist advocates of United Ireland with dominion status and Nationalists whose ambition is a united Ireland totally unconnected with the British Empire, both sharing Mr. de Valera's dream of Irish unity which would cost Ulster its home rule and would turn the Protestant majority into a minority in the whole country. There are supporters of the Irish Republican Army who are prepared to draw guns against Mr. de Valera as well as England or, as their critics say, just to draw guns.

Such divergent partisanship within an area as small as Ulster tend inevitably to shake unanimity in the war effort in the British Empire's behalf, especially among folks prone to be critical of their administrators and public officials anyway. The soil is by no means unsuitable, so many Loyalists told me, for sowing seeds wherefrom Nazi "fifth columnists" spring unquestionably. Hence the questions raised in Commons recently concerning the ease wherewith it seems enemy agents can cross the open boundary and take a look around.

## Incipient Danger

Assurances have been given that British authorities are fully aware of the dangerous possibilities existing in this connection and are annulling them as far as possible.

But since Germany has an official establishment in neutral Eire and a small proportion of the population there is avowedly unfriendly to Britain, it is apparent, for example, that recent deployment of British military formations during what were described as the biggest exercises ever carried out in Ulster could have been watched by persons capable of transmitting intelligence to the Nazis.

Viewed from Ulster, diversion of the Nazi war machine toward Russia is seen to offer valuable time for improvement of Britain's defences in this region. More tanks and more aeroplanes are plainly needed because an unfortified frontier sets a premium on mobile defence that can be concentrated where needed. Any German agent with papers in order who happened to be watching manoeuvres just ended could see for himself that Britain at present could do with reinforcements, both tanks and planes in Northern Ireland.

Apart from more tanks and planes, sea bases are needed next.

But even if Eire was disposed to concede bases for use by the British Navy that protects its shores, announcement of such intention could scarcely be expected until another heavy call has been made on war production to afford all major cities and potential sea bases of Eire with effective anti-aircraft protection against heavy air attacks any Eiran gesture of aid would invite.

## British Hampered

Lack of bases on the Irish coast where they were established in the World War is an enormous handicap to the British in the Battle of the Atlantic, especially in view of the great part now played by aircraft in sea operations. It is not only western approaches that are affected. It was pointed out to me, for example, that if only the Royal Air Force had stations in Southern Ireland sky escorts could be provided for shipping all the way to Gibraltar or as far in that direction as they needed to go before handing over the responsibility to relieving aircraft.

Eire's defences—or rather lack of them since its army is small, and at present by no means formidably equipped—are also a matter of some anxiety to Ulstermen and to the British, because it is taken for granted that if the Germans invade Ireland as part of land operations against Britain they will use air-borne troops to establish bridgeheads for the benefit of divisions transported by boats—as "invaders" were assumed to have done in exercises I have been witnessing. It was also assumed for this purpose that the enemy was held up in severe fighting down south and had made a surprise landing in the north.

## Picture Outlined

Such is the operational picture British military authorities outlined for a big invasion rehearsal north of the border. It was a particularly interesting one for southerners in their present state of military unpreparedness, as neutrals grappling with the problem of increasing their military strength under handicaps greater than they might be in Eire actually in war—or any rate on a footing close to extensive cooperation with Britain. How this situation is viewed by some persons in Northern Ireland is shown by an editorial printed in old style in an Enniskillen newspaper, "The Impartial Reporter" and "Farmers Journal."

It said: "It is well these ports should be again controlled by the British Government for the good of Eire which cannot well defend them. Churchill prefers to remain silent on this subject at present. Perhaps more will be heard of it in the future."

The waters in question are of no value to Eire and only to the Kingdom in event of war, as at present, for our ships of war to have same anchorage while keeping watch on enemy vessels in the track of navigation.

## Economic Troubles

Of far more immediate and personal concern to individual inhabitants of Eire, according to persons with whom I have talked while motoring thousands of miles in the North during manoeuvres, are prospects of their being swamped economically by the backwash of war in which they are not engaged. It may be possible to buy right now eggs at two pence each in Tipperary—as many as you like—to get bacon to go with them at a shilling and eightpence per pound and to plaster bread thick with butter. But Minister of Supplies Sean Lemass told the folks of Eire they are faced with likelihood of curtailment and eventual stoppage of industrial production, and various commercial activities involving loss of employment to thousands of workers, social difficulties of unmanageable magnitude, deficiency of many essential foodstuffs hitherto from overseas, fuel difficulties which may cause widespread hardship and lead to cur-

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## WORDS AND MUSIC

The news that Allied National Anthems will no longer be broadcast from London every Sunday evening could not have caused many listeners to shed bitter tears. Some of these spurs to patriotism and solidarity may be rousing enough. But when we hear them repeatedly and at regular intervals the most loyal supporter of democracy may be pardoned for stifling a yawn or letting his mind drift into a recollection of old, unhappy far-off things and battles long ago. The reason given for the discontinuance of this B.B.C. feature is indeed intriguing. Mr. Duff Cooper has announced an embarrassing increase in the number of our gallant Allies, which makes it impossible to do full justice to all their National Anthems in the allotted time. Let us count the lot: Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Free France, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Greece. That makes nine. Enter Russia, and then there are ten. A Labour Member of Parliament was naturally tempted to ask whether the abrupt discontinuance of this Sunday evening performance had anything to do with the suggestion that the "Internationale" should also be rousingly rendered. But Mr. Duff-Cooper denied that this was a sudden decision. He must have seen it coming.

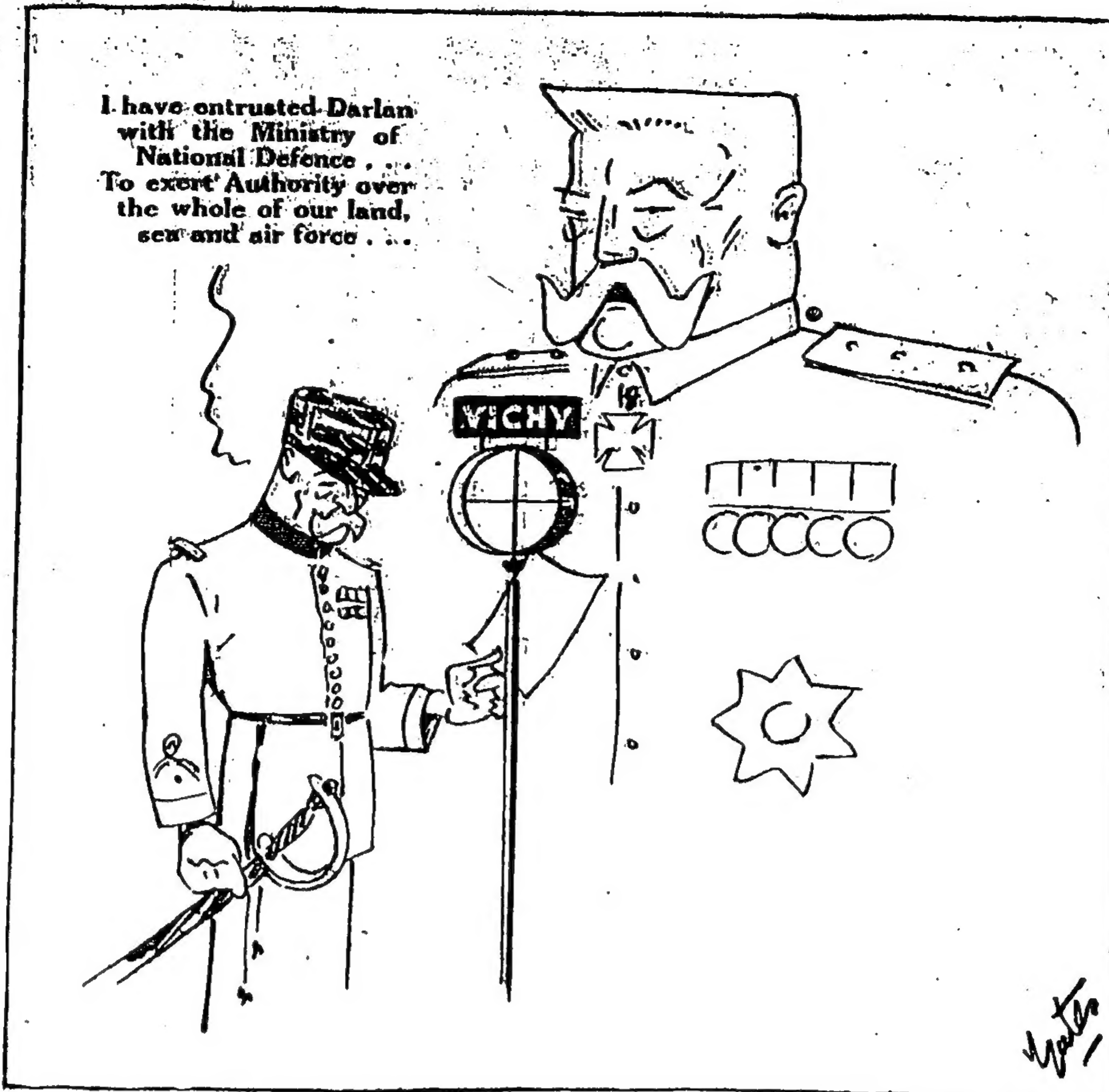
The average man's attitude towards the National Anthem of our Allies is generally one of quiet tolerance. By refusing to switch off the wireless when one hears them played one does not necessarily divide one's allegiance impartially among King Haakon, Queen Wilhelmina, King Leopold, King Peter and King George of the Hellenes; to say nothing of General Sikorski and General De Gaulle. The words in which loyalty to these monarchs or other embodiments of the national spirit of each country is expressed are usually unknown to the average stolid B.B.C. audience and do not matter at all. Not so the disturbing words of the anthem adopted by the Soviet Union.

L'Internationale was first written in French by Eugene Pottier in 1871. The music was composed by a Belgian worker who died in Paris in 1934. The first verse in the English version reads:

"Arise you starvelings from your slumber, arise ye prisoners of want! For reason in revolt now thunders, and at last ends the age of cant. Now away with all your superstition; servile masses, arise, arise! We'll change forthwith the old condition, and spurn the dust to win the prize."

All this sounds to most of us just so much revolutionary rubbish. But it is an embarrassing fact that Britain's new Ally has no other National Anthem. This should at least restrain old women of both sexes, who look under their beds for Bolsheviks every night, from writing indignant letters to their favourite newspaper about the need for immediately burning all the works of Pushkin, Dostoevsky, Chekov, Gorky and Sholokov, and banning broadcasts of Tchaikovsky's music for the duration of the war.

I have entrusted Darlan with the Ministry of National Defence... To exert Authority over the whole of our land, sea and air force...



HINDENBURG: THAT'S WHAT I SAID TO HITLER.

# Behind Schedule

Hardly less important than the stubborn Russian defence against the German invasion are the occupation of Iceland by United States forces and the reasons for this step given in President Roosevelt's message to Congress. Like the acquisition of bases in Trinidad and British Guiana the American occupation of Iceland forestalls any German attempt to make an encircling attack on the Western hemisphere. The fact that these arrangements and the patrolling of the Western Atlantic by the United States Navy enable British warships and aircraft to concentrate their efforts against German submarines illustrates the growing efficacy of United States help to Britain and the European Allies.

Indirectly, too, the United States is helping Russia. Supplies from North America to China by the Burma Road increase the difficulties of Japan in the Chinese war and tend to weaken the temptation Japan might otherwise feel to embarrass Russia by siding actively with Germany in the Far East. Hitler now has reason to understand that his ambition to dominate the world cannot be achieved piecemeal, as he hoped to achieve it, but must succeed or fail in one struggle that is already world-wide. And it may be dawning upon him that his chances of success are now much smaller than the prospect of total failure.

One general conclusion can be drawn from the Russo-German fighting. It is that Hitler's offensive is behind schedule. He intended to reach Moscow in three weeks and to finish the Russian campaign in six. In Russia it is doubted whether Hitler will ever reach Moscow, and this doubt is spreading in Western Europe, including Germany. Not to reach Moscow would, however, be for Hitler the beginning of final defeat.

Hitler is therefore bound to throw all his resources into the Russian struggle. The power of the German military machine is still enormous. To assume that it will make no serious breach in the Russian defences would be imprudent. But its back is obviously far harder than the German High Command and Hitler himself anticipated.

The safest guide to the true position are the German explanations of the slowness of the German advance. The Russians are described as incredibly obstinate

## By Wickham Steed

and tricky fighters. The German public is told that the German armies are faced with a new kind of warfare; and that the surprising modernity and excellence of Russian military equipment hamper swift progress.

I have long believed that Russian military equipment would prove to be at least as good as the German. My informant was a German mechanical expert who in 1924 installed in Russia several factories for the making of guns, shells, rifles and tanks. Fifteen million pounds worth of complicated machine-tools were supplied to these factories by Germany. The German expert believed that the Russian output would only be 50 per cent. of the German output from similar factories. In 1928 he inspected the Russian factories. To his astonishment he found that not only was the Russian output higher than the German but that the Russians had copied and improved the German machine-tools. By 1929 Japan was buying these improved machine-

tools from Russia, not from Germany.

What will Hitler do if he finds he cannot break Russian resistance quickly enough to allow him to seek the "radical solution" of the war in the West? He would have two alternatives. The first would be to offer peace to the Russians, and the second would be to offer peace to Britain. Until he has hit Russia some crushing blow a peace offer to Stalin would shake German confidence. So a peace offer to Britain appears less unlikely. Indeed, a German peace-kite has been flown from Rome where it was suggested that Britain would do well to take this favourable opportunity of discussing peace with Germany. This may be why Mr. Anthony Eden declared publicly that the British Government "are not in any circumstances prepared to negotiate with Hitler at any time on any subject. We shall intensify our war effort until he and all he stands for are utterly destroyed. There is no room on the earth's surface for Hitler's way of life and ours."

Mr. Eden is the only British statesman of the front rank whom Stalin and the Moscow Government "know" personally. They welcomed him warmly when he visited Moscow six years ago, and gave him a name to a station on the Moscow subway. They believe in his straightforwardness and good will.

A British military mission is now in Russia and a Russian military mission in London. The Russian mission will learn how British aircraft are smashing German war industries daily and nightly and are thus aiding Russia. Under British auspices Russia and Poland have come together; and, as Eden also announced, the creation of a really new Europe is being studied by British and Allied Governments in consultation with the United States. So Hitler's peace offers and his "New Order" seem as unlikely to succeed as his lightning offensive against Russia.

Germany has not yet lost the war though she is farther than ever from winning it. It looks as though one day Hitler's astrologers will need to interpret to him the writing on the wall.

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# BRITAIN'S POWER IS THE MORALE OF WORKERS

(By Melita Spraggs)

"WE'RE NEVER DULL HERE. YOU SEE THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING INTERESTING TO LOOK FORWARD TO."

This seemed an amazing declaration from 17-year-old Mary Martin, working hour after hour, day after day, at the same monotonous little job on a power machine, in a factory employing more than 2,000 girls and men on war work in a large and much-raided town Somewhere-in-England.

Mary is guiding the machine which stitches just one part of a blue-jacket's jumper. The pile of dark blue serge glides to her on a conveyor-belt from the girl behind. She places it in her machine. A few whirs and her part on that particular garment is done. Back on the belt it goes and so on to the girl in front. Thus it is carried from worker to worker in the long row sitting beside the moving belt, till three or four minutes after the cut-out has been put on, it falls from the belt at the other end, a complete garment, ready to be cleaned-up, finished-off and pressed.

What could there be "interesting to look forward to?" I wondered; what could happen to break the monotony of these mechanical processes; what could drown the thunder of the incessant whirling of hundreds of machines flying along at top-speed? Five minutes later I knew one thing at least.

A voice from the loud-speaker gave out the news of a British naval victory. They would celebrate with a few songs, the announcer said. For a quarter of an hour, drowning the clattering machines and the music from the loud-speaker, rang out rollicking sea chanties which echoed away over the ruins which stretched out around the building.

### Good Taste Shown

I looked at Mary, the machinist who had told me there was "something interesting," and I realised that here was one thing she enjoyed. Mary was singing away lustily, her shuttle flying faster because she was happy.

Factory music, which is given intervals throughout the day is chosen by a Committee of workers on each floor. So that everyone can have his or her own choice at least some of the time.

"And you would be surprised what they choose," the Principal Representative told me. "Of course there are Bing Crosby followers and those who always want it 'hot,' but the classics too are often well represented in the music chosen."

Passing to the next room where the white drill shorts were being made for the Navy to wear in the tropics I found the choruses being taken up with equal vigour. These are the workers who, before the war, were making tailor-made clothes for many of the well-known West End houses, and they are now working with the same care, exactitude and pride of accomplishment, on clothes for the fighting forces and others on national service.

At the suggestion that they might find it stimulating to have a "general post" now and again—do different jobs, the Representative chuckled.

"Gee, there you've hit one of our biggest problems," he said, "but not in the way you think. It's the hardest job in the world to get these workers to change—even their machines. They get to know all their little ways and they get quite fond of them. It's speed, speed, speed nowadays, with the soldiers, the sailors, the airmen, the postmen, the railway workers, the firemen, the bus conductors (and the conductresses)—millions of them all wanting new uniforms. And the workers enjoy going faster and faster. It's a measure of their success—and of the size of their pay envelopes at the end of the week. So you see it's tough work getting them to do a new job. It's an Irishman's rise for a time and we have to subside them until they get quick at the new work."

### Many Workers Homeless

The management, however, does not call for overtime, except in

the case of a very urgent contract; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for five days and half a day on Saturday are factory hours—a 48-hour week for most of them. The girls earn from 35s. to £4 a week on piece-work.

Most of the workers come from heavily-raided districts and many have lost their homes. The Directors have therefore arranged for them to live at the factory, day and night if they wish, and to bring their families and dependents as visitors for the nights.

At times there have been as many as 700 or 800 "sleeping-in" on bunks provided by the Directors. Each section has its own Marshal. A Committee runs a canteen; concerts and community singing are held in the theatre. On the more serious side, lectures and special study classes are held in cooperation with evening schools in the district.

The A.R.P. Committee arranges a fire-watching rota from the men in residence. Watchers are on duty on each floor in two-hour shifts.

"Simmie," the Welfare Supervisor, has a busy time looking after her big family. She supervises the kitchen and sees to the preparation and cooking of more than 800 canteen dinners each day and 2,000 teas each morning and afternoon. The workers all have a 15-minute break in the morning and afternoon, except the staff of cutters who have tea wheeled round to their benches on a trolley. Supervision of the kitchen for so large a number is no light task at any time, but when gas is cut off after a raid, as sometimes happens, it requires even more ingenuity. Three primus stoves and steam boilers have to do duty instead of large gas-cookers.

### Arrange Own Activities

And "Simmie" is always ready to discuss personal problems with any of the staff who feel they need help. She keeps in touch with the pensioners and with the boys who have joined the fighting services. The workers give generously of their wages to send comforts to these boys and the Directors are never behind in supplementing workers' own efforts in this as in many other ways. A letter from one of these boys to "Simmie" telling her he was short of stamps resulted in all the boys being sent a five-shilling book with their next parcel.

The workers themselves arrange most of their activities through committees, A.B.C. and E. are the chief ones—A.R.P., the civil defence arm; B, the Blankets committee to look after bedding in the air raid shelter; C, the Comforts; and E, entertainments.

The Entertainments Committee is kept busy, for concerts have become an important part of factory life. Every Wednesday on the stage in the long, light room on the top floor which serves as canteen, artists come from E.N.S.A. or C.E.M.A. to play and sing to the workers in their lunch-hour. Six hundred can sit down at each of the two lunch shifts.

"They enjoy it all high-brow, low-brow. They seem to appreciate the classical music of C.E.M.A. as they do the comedy slap-stick and variety turns of E.N.S.A.," the Representative told me. He himself was in show business. "Down Under" for some years, so he sees that they get the best people. Many well-known B.B.C. artists and famous singers have appeared before appreciative audiences at the factory, both during the day in the canteen, and at night down on the little black-curtained stage, which has been fitted up in the air raid shelter. They can always produce home talent too, and some of

## LONDON OUT OF BOUNDS

The War Office has placed London out of bounds for all ranks of the Army on leave, unless there are special reasons for going there.

Troops will not be allowed to pass through London going on or returning from leave unless there is no alternative route.

Soldiers on week-end leave will be restricted to a 90-mile radius from their units. A leave period of seven days will not be permitted to start or end on Saturday or Sunday.

The purpose of the restriction is to avoid congestion at the London railway stations and to relieve pressure on the railways.

## YOUNG 'VETERANS' LEAD

Men who are playing leading parts in the R.A.F. thrust are youthful veterans of the Battle of Britain of September last. Nearly all are in their early twenties.

Wing-Commander A. G. Malan, D.S.O., D.F.C., a South African, and a former sailor, now has a tally of more than 30 German planes to his credit.

Squadron-Leader Roland Tuck, D.S.O., D.F.C., a 24-year-old veteran of the Dunkirk evacuation, has a score of 30.

A youthful Canadian, Wing-Commander Kent, D.F.C., is leader of a squadron which recently shot down 20 German planes without loss to itself.

## EIRE-ULSTER BORDER TO BE TIGHTENED

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tailment of public services. As a sequel to all these troubles there may be grave difficulties relating to public finance and administration.

The industrial slump is responsible for the steady drift toward Britain. Knots of unemployed at street corners are reminiscent of Lancashire scenes ten years ago, people say. I heard of young men being still at school after reaching 21 years of age, because there is no place for them in the labour market. So urgent has the fuel situation become, I was told that soldiers have been called upon by the Eire Government to cut peat in bogs—work that has to be done in the next few months since it is impossible to do in the wet weather. Before the war only peasants burned turf in their homes, but from now on its use is becoming general in cities and towns. The aim is to break all records for peat production by digging four million tons of it—declared to be equivalent in fuel value to half that number of tons of coal for which the standard price in Eire is now three pounds fourteen shillings a ton against three pounds three shillings in England.

them have appeared in B.B.C. "Radio Discoveries."

"Seems to me they'll miss this community life quite a bit when things go back to normal," the Representative observed thoughtfully as he stood on the empty stage of the theatre in the shelter of the factory which has never had a strike.

All factories engaged on war work may not be quite such "model" ones as this. But the attitude of the British worker is the same. The cheerfulness, the camaraderie, the will-to-win-through whatever the odds—these, backing up the courage of the fighting services, are some of the most potent forces in the line-up against Nazism.





Plebeian pleasures are the lot of these merry-makers from "The Devil and Miss Jones," and the fact that one of them is a millionaire in disguise makes no difference. Charles Coburn and Spring Byington, both featured, and Jean Arthur, the star, are the players shown in this scene from the RKO Radio picture of modern metropolitan life. At the King's.

## MISERY OF JEWS IN GERMANY MUCH INCREASED

ONE DAY IN BERLIN, I took a walk through a Jewish section near the Kurfuersten Damm and Kaiser Allee. I wanted to see for myself what it was like to be a Jew in war time Berlin. I did, writes Carl B. Wall, Correspondent of the New York "PM" recently in Germany. It was about 4.30 of a cold gray March afternoon. The raw north wind which sweeps in from the Baltic all winter long had a damp feel as though there were snow in the air. I had on a heavy sheepskin coat, but the dampness seemed to get through even that and I had to walk quite fast to keep warm.

I walked for about 15 minutes along Kaiser Allee before I came to a store where the Jews were waiting in line on the sidewalk outside. I knew they were Jews because there is a law in Berlin that no Jew can buy food in a store until after 5 in the afternoon. The Nazis think this is very funny because they figure that by 5 most of the food is gone or pretty well picked over.

There were about 40 people in that line. Most of them were old men, women and children. They stood there silently, the way all lines of waiting people seem to do in Berlin. Some of the women had shawls around their heads. Their coats were thin and worn. The faces of the children were drawn in tight pinched lines so that they seemed to be all noses and eyes. I don't think one person in that whole line had on a decent pair of shoes. The women's particularly, were cracked and shabby. They wore stockings that looked like cotton but had been darned so many times that they had sort of a fuzzy look.

### Afraid Of Police

As I walked slowly by, a few of the people in the line looked at me. But when I looked back at them, they looked away or turned their eyes to the sidewalk. I wanted to go over and tell them that I was not a German but that I was an American. I wanted to talk to them but I didn't because I knew someone might see us and make trouble for them with the police.

But as I went by, I noticed the signs and prices in the windows. Sausage was 2 marks a pound for the first class, 1 mark 80 pfennigs for second class. Butter was 8 marks a pound. I knew that the highest wages a Jew could make in Berlin to-day was 40 marks a week and I wondered how much food they could buy at those prices.

The only work the Nazis now allow the Jews to do is labour. It is compulsory and pays a top scale of 40 marks for a 70 or 80-hour week. The authorities decide whether or not the man or woman is physically able to do the labouring. There is no appeal.

### Milked To Last Mark

From other Germans I learned that Jews trying to get out of Germany were milked to the last

mark. Before the necessary exit visas are granted, the Nazis skillfully extract every possible bit of graft. I heard of one Jewish woman who paid 34,000 marks to get out of the country. I heard that from the woman herself who travelled on the same plane with me from Berlin to Lisbon. "And," she said, "it was worth it."

But up in Poland was where I really heard a Nazi blow off steam on the Jews. He was a party Brown Shirt leader with fat eyelids, a bald head and teeth which should have been pulled out when he was 11. Incidentally, I have never seen so many bald heads and bad teeth as I did among the Nazi Brown Shirts.

We were sitting that night in the lobby of a hotel in Posen. The moment this man learned that I was an American, he turned to me and said:

"It must be terrible over in America now, eh?"

I asked him what he meant. "Why, I understand they're all Jews over there, now," he said. "The minute we drive them out they go over to America. It must be terrible."

"You certainly know how to treat them over here in Poland," I said.

### Worse In Poland

He took this as the grandest kind of a compliment.

"They can't do anything here," he said. "They can't even move. If they do—"

He drew his fat hand across his double chin. "I was in Warsaw a couple of weeks ago," he said, "and do you know what they do to the Jews there? They got a regular Ghetto with a concrete wall and they keep them behind that. They don't let them mix with the rest of the people at all."

There was one angle on the Ghetto the Nazi was too smart to tell me—but I learned it later from another American who had

## GERMANS SEIZE A DREDGER

The Whangpoo Conservancy Board is reported by the "Sin Wan Pao" to have lodged a protest with the German Consulate-General in Shanghai against the alleged requisitioning by the German government of a dredger in Danzig. The protest asks the Germans to return the dredger to the Chinese immediately.

It is recalled that the board placed orders for two dredgers with the German firm. One of the machines named the "Reconstruction" was delivered by the German firm six years ago and has since been in operation.

The other dredger, christened the "Renaissance," has never been delivered to the buyers on account of the war. It is said, it has been stranded in Danzig and despite all efforts to sail it to Shanghai it has been remaining in a dockyard in the former free city. It is alleged that the German government requisitioned the dredger on May 26.

## ANTI-WAR FEELING

A German-born United States citizen who has been in the real estate business in Berlin since 1923 said that 40 per cent. of the German people are against Hitler and the war.

Walter Alexander, who left the German Capital last month, arrived on the American Export liner Excambion which had 223 passengers, 113 of them American citizens.

"The German people are just beginning to tire of the war," Mr. Alexander said, "and they have the feeling that it does not matter whether they win because they have lost their freedom."

"Business men in Germany are disgusted because they can make no move except under Government regulation and orders."

been in Warsaw.

He said the Polish Jews were not only restricted to the Warsaw Ghetto but that they must actually pay for the privilege of living in the miserable hovels behind the wall.

"Every week, the Nazi party man collects a tribute and the tribute must be in gold," he said. "If they don't pay it, they're thrown out of the Ghetto. I don't know where they go—or where they manage to dig up the gold. I suppose the Germans have the idea that all the Polish Jews have gold hidden away somewhere and this is their idea of getting it out."

He said the suffering and privation in the Warsaw Ghetto is beyond belief and human endurance.

"I saw Warsaw bombed," he said, "but this is worse. Bombing at least gets it over with in a hurry."

Shortly before I left Berlin I heard of a new wrinkle in the Nazi concentration camp setup. I was told that there were now three different classifications of these camps.

The first is not any worse than an average prison. These are reserved for anti-Nazis for whom there is still some hope. The treatment is chiefly "psychological." There are more lectures than beatings and the Nazis make every effort to "educate" the dissenter.

But if he still dissents, he is transferred to Class No. II. Here he is given more of the business and less talk.

### Torture Camp

But if he still can't see the light, he is turned over to Class No. III. In this camp, every cruel device known to the Nazi Brown Shirts is brought into play.

The men running these camps are very skillful. They play each of the prisoners against the other so there is no chance of revolt. For example, they will order a punishment in which one man has to stand stock still for hour after hour.

Alone with him in the same room, they will place a "watcher." It is the watcher's duty to report any faltering of the man being punished. If he moves, or asks for a drink of water, or tries to sit down the watcher must turn him in. In this way, the Nazis build up a hatred among the prisoners—each for the other—which is nearly as strong as the hate for the rulers.

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C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th August, 1941.

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K. M. A. BARNETT,  
Secretary to the Commissioners.  
Hong Kong, 15th August, 1941.

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## BRIDGE NOTES

### TOO MUCH DOUBLING

#### By The Four Aces

North over bid his hand terrifically because his partner was very conservative, but credit for the making of the slam should be given partly to South for his excellent play and partly to the opponents for their very informative doubling.

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#### NORTH

♠ A 10 6 3  
♥ 6 3  
♦ K 10 7 6  
♣ A 8 3

#### WEST

♠ Q J 5 4 2  
♥ J 7 4 2  
♦ J  
♣ J 7 4

#### EAST

♠ 7  
♥ 5  
♦ Q 9 8 5  
♣ 4 3

#### SOUTH

♠ K 9 8  
♥ A K Q 10 9 8  
♦ A 2  
♣ K 6

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Dbl.	4♦	Pass
5♦	Dbl.	6♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Redbl.	Pass

West opened the seven of clubs, and South took stock. Evidently East had doubled because of length in the minor suits; and West must have doubled because of a trump trick and strength in spades. With this analysis the best line of play was quite clear.

South won the opening lead with the club King and laid down the three top trumps, dummy, parting with a spade. Next he led a low club to the dummy and ruffed a club in his own hand. Then came the Ace of diamonds and a low diamond towards dummy. West could have made things very easy for South by ruffing, but he properly discarded, and dummy won with the diamond King.

A low diamond was returned from the dummy, South ruffed, and West again discarded a low spade. South then led his last trump, forcing West into the lead. Since West's distribution counted out easily, South knew that East had only a singleton spade; and therefore any lead West made was bound to cost his side the spade trick that they would otherwise have made.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 5  
♥ K J 7 3  
♦ A Q 9  
♣ 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maker	You
1♠	Dbl.	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	(7)

ANSWER: "Big four diamonds. Your partner must be trying for a slam, and you should both encourage and inform him. Since he is probably void of clubs (if the opening bid was sound) you will do better to show Aces than to use the Blackwood convention."

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### Question No. 796

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maker	You
1♠	Dbl.	Pass	2♥
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	4♦
Pass	5♠	Pass	(7)

What do you bid? (Answer

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## INVENTORS PROVE OLD ADAGE

THE QUESTION, "What makes an inventor invent?" was answered in New York by men and women exhibiting their gadgets and mechanisms at the Inventors of America Congress.

While buzzers buzzed, wheels whirled, lights blinked, a motion picture machine chattered and interested throngs milled through the grand ballroom "turned laboratory," several inventors took time out to explain how and why they were in the business.

For William Olsen, on whose display-table lay a dozen devices with half a hundred others diagrammed, but not modeled, it was a case of "necessity being the mother of invention"—other people's necessity. Mr. Olsen, born in Denmark, is superintendent of a mid-town apartment building. As such, he is summoned when windows stick, faucets won't work and other mechanics of city home-life go wrong.

York bank, he saw the hazards, both to housewives and clothes, of drying the wash on the roof or far out the window. He went to work, and his folding-up clothes-dryer was the result.

Women, too, have perfected useful articles because they saw a need for them. The women, for instance, who designed the Daphne bed rest—a pillow for reading in bed—was a nurse who through long experience realised that the usual "collapsible" pillows and hard wooden rests could be improved upon. She perfected a triangular-shaped pillow which props up beautifully and, built of rubber and hair, is light and thoroughly restful for sitting up in bed.

For many an inventor, tinkering with gadgets is an avocation, a hobby pursued with fidelity and far into the night when the day's work is done; for others, inventing is a chosen profession. Both types are well represented at the Inventors of America "gadgeteria" headed by Albert Burns, President.

### Necessity The Mother —

These difficulties, Mr. Olsen said, gave him ideas. When a tenant found it hard to open a window from the top, Mr. Olsen built a pulley-and-rope device by which the upper window may be raised or lowered without resorting to chair-ladder or pole. Now he has patented the idea.

When windows stuck, Mr. Olsen first resorted to applying soap. This dried too quickly. Then he perfected a grease preparation that doesn't dry. A manufacturer is marketing this to-day. These are two of 100 inventions which he has listed, ranging from a "lady-finger shaper" to a dough-nut machine for the home.

"The best way to invent is to build it simple," Mr. Olsen said. "When I started to build the window-lowerer in my workshop I began with cranks and wheels and more complications. Gradually, I discarded this and that and ended up with this rope and pulley."

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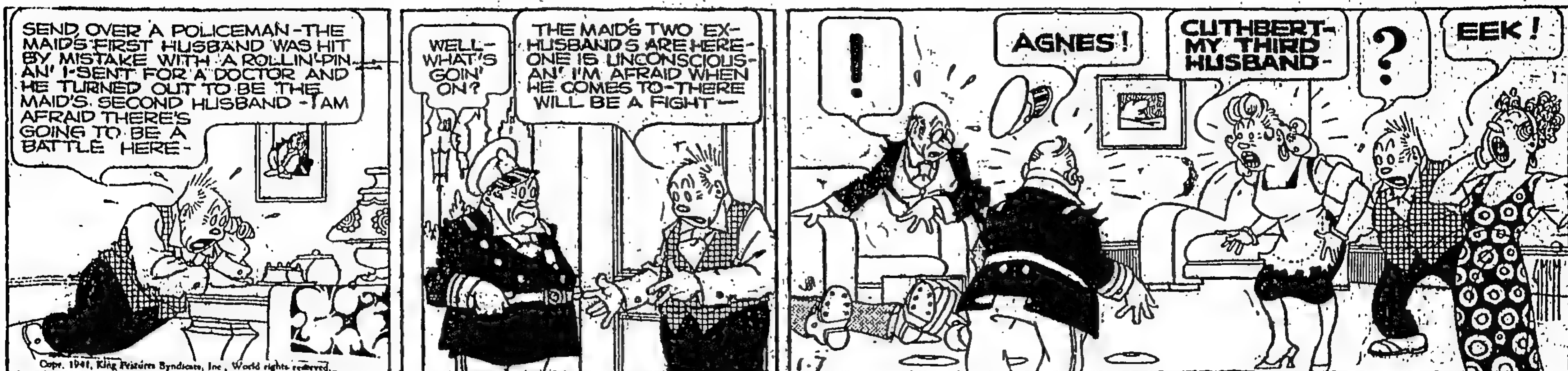
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Bringing Up Father

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## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Beautify Your Back

You will turn your back on many a critical eye this summer and unless it is smooth as baby's skin and free of blemishes you will be rated as a careless beauty! Yes, tennis clothes, sunsuits, swim suits and evening clothes all reveal your back—that big area of skin that is too frequently neglected.

I know it is hard to take a brush and scrub first one side of your back and then the other but it has got to be done. Without realising it you perspire across your back as freely as you do underarm. All that waste must be washed away with soap and water or the pores will clog and you will have patches of disfigured skin.

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## One Hot Dish at Every Meal is Good Plan for Summer

says Dorothy Greig

WHEN summer sizzlers come along the temptation is to concentrate on cold foods and iced drinks, over-indulge in frozen desserts.

In actual fact, however, we keep cooler and more comfortable if we wisely include a little hot food with,



every meal. Hot food aids digestion. And a digestive tract that's kept happy helps keep its owner happy, too. The hot dish in the meal need not be an elaborate one, nor a long slow motion affair—an important point, for none of us wants to spend a long time over the range on a blistering day. Select something easy, such as a light hot soup. It's easily digested, comes early in the meal—and is simple to prepare. For instance, this one is delicious:

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1 can condensed asparagus soup  
1 can condensed chicken soup  
1 can milk (using soup can as a measure)  
1 can water

Stir the chicken soup into the asparagus soup. Then add 1 can of milk and 1 can of water (using the soup can for a measure), and heat, but do not boil. Serves 5-7.

be sure to wash your back every day with soap and water.

Mix in a bowl one-half cup of melted good castile soap (shave the soap and add a tablespoonful of water before heating), one tablespoonful of peroxide and two tablespoonfuls of almond meal. Get into a tub half filled with water and moisten your back with a wash cloth. Then spread the mixture generously over the blemished areas and leave it on for five minutes. While it is doing its job you might brush your feet thoroughly and push back the toenail cuticle with an orange stick.

When time is up have another person brush your back for you, using plenty of warm water so a rich lather is worked up. How pleased you will be to see many surface blemishes disappear. After the brushing you must rinse your skin thoroughly with warm and cool waters and dry it briskly with a turkish bath towel. Powder with your favourite sachet.

If the blemishes are very stubborn you might precede the scrubbing treatment with a cream lubrication. Take a rich cream or oil and massage it well over the back and leave on for fifteen or twenty minutes. Then bathe as directed above.

### Other Aids

There are special lotions and creams for blemished back care and these are used as on the face. They are massaged well into the skin, wiped off with tissue and

then a yard square of double gauze (which has been saturated with chilled astringent) is laid across the back. Again tissues are used to absorb any excess moisture. Then you are ready for a powder lotion or loose powder. This treatment is particularly good just before donning an evening dress. Your back should first be scrubbed with soap and water while you are under the shower.



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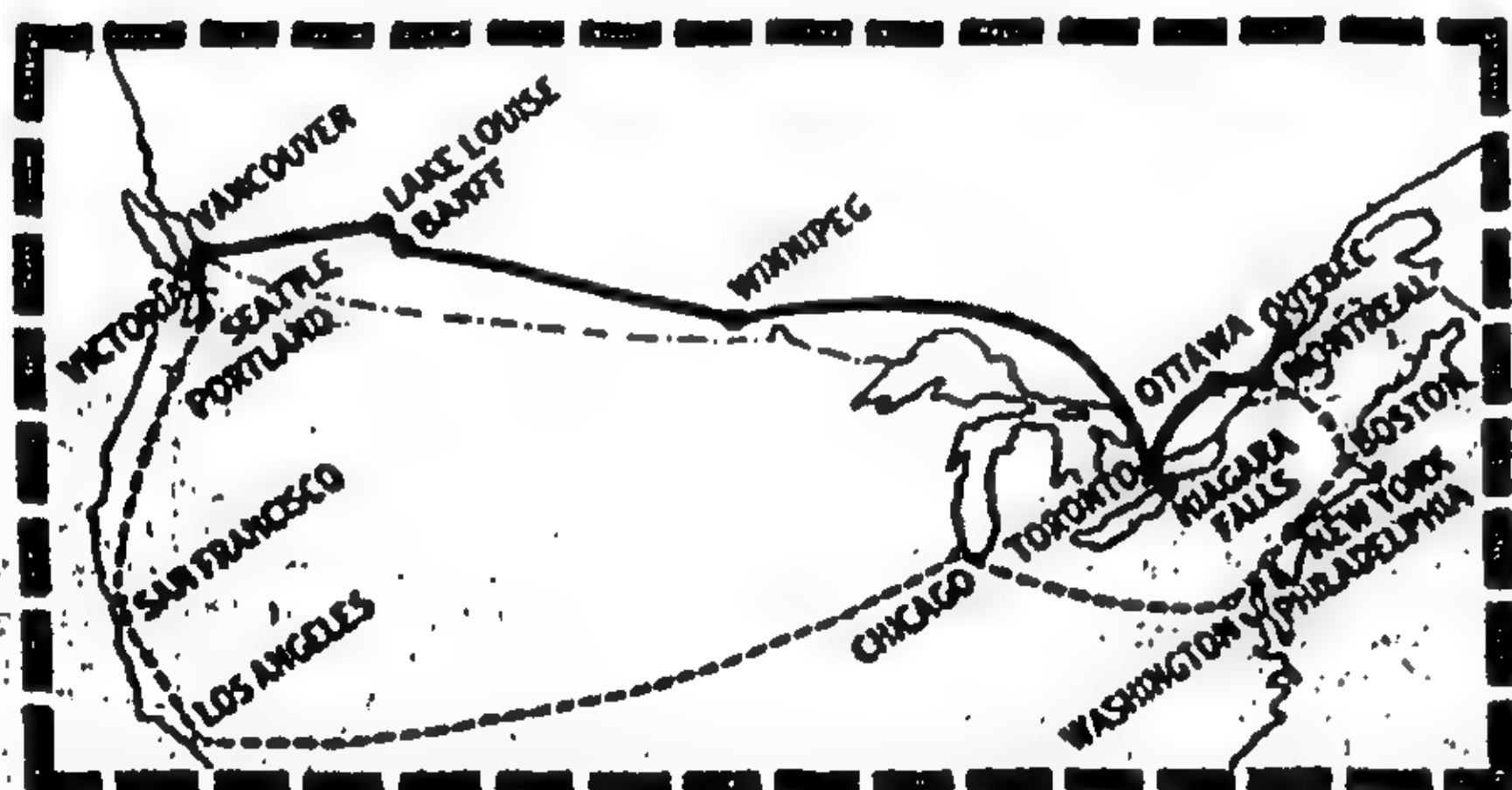
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Silent Film Memories—Intro: Felix Kept On Walking; The Shiek Of Araby; My Blue Heaven ... Joe Loss &amp; his Band.

Fox-Trot Medley—Intro: Jealous; Whispering; Poor Butterfly ... Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Compositions of Bizet.

Ouvre Ton Coeur (Spanish Serenade) ... Georges Thill (Tenor) with Piano.

Carmen—Fantasia ... The Opera Orchestra.

The Pearl Fishers—Cavatina de Lella—Act 2 ... Lina Pagliughi (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Symphony No. 1 in C Major (C Dur)—1st Mov: Allegro Vivo; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd &amp; 4th Movs: Allegro Vivace ... The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr.

7.30 p.m.—The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Theodore Challaupine (Bass).

Le Prince Igor—March (Borodine) ... The Royal Philharmonic Orch. cond. by Sir T. Beecham.

Song Of Prince Galitsky ("Prince Igor"—Borodine); In The Town Of Kasan ("Boris Godounov"—Moussorgsky) ... Theodore Challaupine with Orchestra.

The Music Of The Spheres (Johannes Strauss, Op. 235) ... The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Song Of The Flea (Moussorgsky) ... Theodore Challaupine with Orch.

On Hearing The First Cuckoo In Spring (Dellus) ... The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.50 p.m.—London—Special Broadcast to British Forces in the Far East.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

9.03 p.m.—Some Strauss Waltzes and Polkas.

Thousand And One Nights—Waltz ... Felix Weingartner cond. The British Symphony Orchestra.

Thunder And Lightning—Polka Op. 324 ... Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.

"Die Fledermaus"—Du Und Du—Waltz ... Marek Weber &amp; his Orch.

When The Lemons Bloom—Waltz ... Johann Strauss &amp; Symphony Orch.

Tritsch, Tritsch—Polka ... Orchestra Raymonde.

9.25 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

Twenty-five Years Of Musical Comedy—1923-1925—Intro: Lilac Time; Katja, The Dancer; No, No, Nanette; Lady Be Good; Desert Song; Show Boat; Bitter Sweet; Wonder Bar; White Horse Inn; Bow

## SOMETHING MODERN WAR HAS NOT CHANGED

Uniforms may change, instruments of war be improved, tactics adapted to cope with improved and more scientific methods of making war, but the way men amuse themselves in their leisure hours and the things they talk about seem to remain the same.

One favourite topic among air-men is the making of plans for the future. With typical Service optimism men discuss what they intend doing when the war is over, often with an imaginative faculty that Mr. Wells might envy. In the coming Utopia there is no provision for such unessentials as daily shaving; buttons are to be banished with the contempt they deserve; and any daily toil still necessary will start at a time of day when a man will not feel that he has been dragged out of bed in the middle of the night.

The radio banishes monotony, but it creates problems of its own. There is common agreement to listen to such items as the News, but how is it possible to cater for Shakespeare fans and ice-hockey enthusiasts whose tastes are being catered for simultaneously? Of course there is always the man who has a decent book and simply wants peace and quiet. With give and take however, everyone does get a measure of what he wants.

Practical joking is far from extinct, and the genius is always with us whose devilish ingenuity from time to time devises fresh pitfalls for the unwary. But the

old favourite still seems to be the "fixing" of a man's bed so that when he is sunk in dreamless sleep it collapses suddenly and deposits him summarily "on the deck."

One night two airmen came in late from a dance and switched on a light to undress. A man who had been asleep for hours awoke and, seeing one of the latecomers struggling with his tunic and the other sitting on the bed fumbling with his boot-laces, whispered: "Alert?" Receiving what he thought was the silence of assent (but failing to see a wink that passed in the dim light), he leaped out of bed slipped into his trousers and tunic, pulled on his boots, and made for the door, giving half a dozen men a violent and dutiful shake en route.

Only when one of the revellers burst into loud laughter did the victim appreciate the full import of his colleagues' silence and realise that there had been no sirens. Not unnaturally he failed to appreciate the humour of the situation.

## ART AMONG THE BOMBERS

One Bomber Station of the R.A.F. is justifiably proud of the collection of pictures and portraits in its mess.

The ante-room, dining room, card room and mess entrance remind the visitor of an art gallery. There are pictures everywhere. Most of them have been lent by their owner, who has turned over his home to the Red Cross. Others are the property of the Station Commander who is both a connoisseur and collector.

Nymphs look down on the officers while they dine; Royal and family portraits greet them as they enter the mess; and elsewhere copies of old masters hang beside modern landscapes, portraits, and paintings of fighter aircraft and bombers.

Two of the most valuable pictures are copies of Titian's "Venus and Adonis" and of a Velasquez "Venus." There is a Pellegrini painting of "Venus and Cupid" and a Barolozzi of nymphs at the shrine of Mercury. Another painting after Titian is the "Rape of Europa." There is a 1736 portrait of General Wade in armour.

The seventeenth century English School is represented by portraits of Charles I—in slashed green dress and lace collar—and of Charles II in Garter robes.

There are also rare needlework pictures of Biblical and other subjects, worked in worsted and silk.

The card room has the most varied collection. There are French landscape engravings, dated 1790, modern paintings and old masters, a large needlework picture and a delicately coloured example of the work of the Japanese artist Sesshu Oda. This last picture, "The God of Happiness Playing with Innocent Children," was presented to the mess by a Japanese officer who was attached for a short time to one of the station's squadrons.

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**HONG KONG.**

Friday, 15th August, 1941.

## 1. OBITUARY

(a) The Commandant regrets to announce the death of No. 2983 Bdr. D. E. Smith, 1st Bty., which occurred on 13.8.41.

(b) The following message has been received by the Commandant from H.E. the G.O.C. Major General C. M. Maltby, M.C.

"I very much regret to hear that Bdr. D. E. Smith of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps has died as the result of an accident which occurred last night when he was returning from training in an Army motor lorry.

Will you please convey my deepest sympathy to his relatives and to his comrades in the Corps."

## 2. RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Fri. 22nd Aug. 5.30 p.m. Medical Inspection Room, H.Q. Order—Medical Officer—Captain G. T. Balean.

## 3. DETAIL

Corps Orderly N.C.O. H.Q. 5.25 p.m. each day.

Mon. 18th August to be detailed by O.C. Corps Signals.

Tues. 19th August to be detailed by O.C. No. 2 Coy.

Wed. 20th August to be detailed by O.C. No. 3 Coy.

Thurs. 21st August to be detailed by O.C. 4th Battery.

Fri. 22nd August to be detailed by O.C. No. 1 Coy.

## 4. PROMOTIONS

Extract from Government Gazette No. 48 of the 8.8.41.

933—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps with effect from 1st August, 1941:—

Second Lieutenant DOUGLAS ERIC DAVIS To be Lieutenant.

Second Lieutenant DAVID LAMB PROPHET To be Lieutenant.

8th August, 1941.

## 5. EFFICIENCY MEDAL

Extract from Government Gazette No. 48 of the 8.8.41.

934—In accordance with regulation 8 of the Regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters concerning The Efficiency Medal in regard to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps published as Notification No. 579 in the Gazette of 2nd August, 1935, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorise the following award:—

Efficiency Medal.

Sergeant COLIN ROBERTS LOGAN, Corporal GERMANO AUGUSTO DE PINNA, Private EDUARDO VICENTE REMEDIOS.

2nd August, 1941.

## 6. LECTURES

Mon. 18th Aug. 5.45 p.m. No. 1 Lecture Room. Officers of the following units to attend. Lecture by Major V. C. Branson, M.B.E., M.C.

Corps Artillery, Mob. Co'n. No. 2 Coy., No. 6 Coy., A.S.C. Coy., and Fd. Amb.

Tues. 19th Aug. 5.45 p.m. No. 1 Lecture Room. Officers of the following units to attend. Lecture by the Adjutant.

Fd. Coy. Engrs., Corps Sigs., Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 Coys. and Pay Sec.

## 7. COURSE IN FIELD SANITATION

Monday 18th Aug. 5.30 p.m. Scandal Point Hall, H.Q.C.C.

Tues. 19th Aug. 5.30 p.m. Scandal Point Hall, H.Q.C.C.

Thurs. 21st Aug. 5.30 p.m. Scandal Point Hall, H.Q.C.C.

Those detailed from the following units:—

Monday—2nd, 3rd and 5th A.A. Btys. Mob. Co'n., Fd. Coy. Engrs. and No. 2 Coy.

Tuesday—Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 7 Coys., A.S.C. Coy., Fd. Amb., Sp. Gd. Coy. and Stanley Pin.

Thursday—1st and 4th Btys., Corps Sigs., Nos. 4 and 6 Coys.,

Pay Sec., R.O.D.C. and Fort. Sig. Coy.

## 8. PARADES

### (a) CORPS ARTILLERY

Week-end training camps will be held as under:—

4th Battery—22/24th Aug. & 26/28th Sept.

1st Battery—29/31st Aug.

2nd Battery—12/14th Sept.

3rd Battery—19/21st Sept.

5th A.A. Bty.—26/28th Sept.

Camps will be from P.M. Fridays to 1800 hours Sundays. The Saturday mornings will be in lieu of one ½ day's training.

Dress for above parades—Fighting Order, shirt sleeves less shorts plus trousers. Full kit as laid down in the recent circular distributed to all ranks to be carried in kit bags. Time of parade will be communicated to B.Cs. by O.C. C.A.

### (b) Classes Of Instruction

Mon. 18th Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. C. A. Signalling Class. Squad "A".

Mon. 18th Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Recruits' Class under C.A.S.M. J. M. Jack. Dress—Overalls, belt frog, rifle sling and S.D. cap.

Wed. 20th Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. C. A. Signalling Class. Squad "B".

Wed. 20th Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Recruits' Class under C.A.S.M. J. M. Jack—Dress as above.

Wed. 20th Aug. 5.45 p.m. H.Q. No. 1 Lecture Room. Lecture by Lt. Col. F. D. Field, M.C., R.A.

III. C.A.S.L. Tests—Class 3 Lamp Attendant.

The u/m men of 2nd Bty. re-qualified.

Gnr. H. G. Stewart, Gnr. O. Peresipkin, Gnr. V. Tasar, Gnr. O. G. M. Davreaux.

The u/m man of 2nd Bty. qualified.

Gnr. J. V. Christensen.

### (a) CORP ARTILLERY

iv. 1st Battery

Tues. 19th Aug. 2 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. Dress as laid down for ½ day training. Training at D'Agulhar. Orderly Sergt. 17-23rd Aug. —Sgt. Johnson.

v. 2nd Battery

Wed. 20th Aug. 5.30 p.m. Scandal Point. Left Sec. Layers. Dress—Mufli. Overalls and S.D. cap to be carried. Revision.

Thurs. 21st Aug. 2.15 p.m. H.Q. L. Sec. D.E.L. and B.O.P. Stores Party. 2.45 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. Dress as laid down for ½ day training.

Fri. 22nd Aug. 5.30 p.m. C.A.S.L. School. S.L. and Engine personnel. Dress—Mufli. Overalls and S.D. caps to be carried. Engines.

Fri. 22nd Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Those detailed. Dress—Shirts, shorts, puttees, boots, S.D. caps, web belts and overalls. Engines.

vi. 3rd Battery

Tues. 19th Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. All members. Dress—Mufli. Lecture.

Thurs. 21st Aug. 2 p.m. H.Q. All members. Dress as laid down for ½ day training. Half day training at H.Q. Finish 6.30 p.m.

vii. 4th Battery

Tues. 19th Aug. 2.45 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. Dress—As laid down for ½ day training. Pakshawan.

Thurs. 21st Aug. (i) 5.30 p.m. H.Q. D.E.L. Sec. Dress—S. D. caps, overalls, web belts and frogs. Rifle and foot drill. (ii) 6.15 p.m. H.Q. Sec. as detailed. Dress—Mufli. B.C.A. Class. (iii) 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Sec. as detailed. Dress—Overalls, slings, T.S.M. Class.

Fri. 22nd Aug. Times to be notified. H.Q. All Secs. Dress—Fighting Order, shirt sleeves, less shorts plus trousers. Remainder of kit in kit bag as per circular issued. Week-end camp at Pakshawan.

Wed. 20th Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. H.Q. Nos. 1 and 2 Secs. Dress—Mufli. Lecture.

Thurs. 21st Aug. 2.30 p.m. No. 2 Sec. Dress as detailed. ½ day training at Saiwan.

### (b) FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Mon. 18th Aug. 5.30 p.m. K.C.R. Company parade. Dress—Mufli. Training under Section Officers.

Thurs. 21st Aug. 2.30 p.m. K.C.R. Company parade. Dress—Helmets, shirts, shorts, hosetops, boots and puttees. All spare clothing to be brought in kit bags. Kit inspection to be followed by technical training under Section Officers.

### (c) CORPS SIGNALS

Mon. 18th Aug. 5.15 p.m. H.Q. (i) Training Cadre and Recruits. Dress—Mufli. Lecture No. 9. (ii) Nos. 2, 5 and 6 Detachments. Dress—Mufli. U. C. Switchboard. (iii) W/T Sec. Dress—Mufli. Telegraph. (iv) Remainder. Dress—Mufli. Signal training.

Wed. 20th Aug. (i) 2 p.m. Hunghom. Main and Section. Dress—Summer Battle Order. As detailed. (ii) a p.m. H.Q. Remainder. Dress—Summer Battle Order. ½ day training.

Thurs. 21st Aug. Scandal Point Hall, H.Q.C.C. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Lecture. "Sanitation in Field."

Fri. 22nd Aug. 5.15 p.m. H.Q. (i) Those detailed. Dress—Mufli. Thompson Gun. (ii) Those detailed. Dress—Mufli. M/T training. (iii) Remainder. Dress—Mufli. Signal training.

### (d) MOBILE COLUMN

Mon. 18th Aug. 6.20 p.m. Hunghom. Those detailed. Dress—Overalls. Driving instructions.

Wed. 20th Aug. 2.15 p.m. Hunghom. All Pns. Dress—Fighting order, shirt sleeves, helmet. Exercise in N.T.

Wed. 20th Aug. 1.45 p.m. Hunghom. No. 2 Sec. No. 1 Pln. Dress—Fighting Order, shirt sleeves, helmets, Vehicle and Store Party.

Fri. 22nd Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Nos. 1 and 2 A/C. Secs. Dress as previously detailed. V.M.G. and L.M.G. instructions. No. 3 Pln. Dress as above. L.M.G. instruction.

Administration

Tues. 19th Aug. 5.30 p.m. Coy. Office. All personnel drawing equipment, including those detailed as riflemen.

### (e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 18th Aug. 2.30 p.m. Star Ferry, Kowloon. Those detailed. Dress as order. T.E.W.T.

Mon. 18th Aug. 2.30 p.m. H.Q. Those detailed. Dress as ordered. Weapon training.

Tues. 19th Aug. 5.45 p.m. H.Q. Officers. Dress—Mufli. Lecture.

Tues. 19th Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. N.C.O.'s. Dress—Mufli. Bayonet fighting.

Fri. 22nd Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Coy. parade. Dress—Mufli. Weapon training.

### (f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 19th Aug. 5.30 p.m. Kowloon Dock. No. 6 Pln. Dress—Mufli. Weapon training.

Wed. 20th Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. No. 7 Pln. Dress—Mufli. T.O.E.T.

Fri. 22nd Aug. 2.30 p.m. H.Q. Coy. parade. Dress—Battle Order. ½ day training.

### (g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Mon. 18th Aug. 2.15 p.m. H.Q. Dress as usual. Coy. training.

Tues. 19th Aug. 5.30 p.m. Scandal Point. Those detailed. Dress—Mufli. Lecture—Sanitation in the Field.

Thurs. 21st Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps. Platoon arrangements.

### (h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Mon. 18th Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. (i) C'sses 1 and 2. Dress—Mufli. (ii) Remainder of Coy. Dress—Overalls. Weapon training.

Wed. 20th Aug. 2 p.m. H.Q. (i) Sec. B. Drill Order. without pouches. T.E.W.T. at 321571. (ii) Remainder of Coy. Dress—Drill Order. Weapon training.

### (i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Mon. 18th Aug. (i) 2.15 p.m. H.Q. Whole Coy. except those detailed for T.E.W.T. Dress as before. Training at H.Q. (b) Kowloon Rly. Stn. 2 p.m. Those detailed.

Fri. 22nd Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Whole Coy. Training as per circular to N.C.O.'s.

### (j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Tues. 19th Aug. No parade.

Fri. 22nd Aug. 5 p.m. H.Q. Those detailed by O.C. No. 22 Pln. Dress—Boots, trousers, shirts, S.D. caps, web equipment, rifle sling, mess tin. Special exercise.

Fri. 22nd Aug. 2.15 p.m. H.Q. N.C.O.'s. No. 21 Pln. Dress—Boots, shorts, shirts, S.D. caps, sun helmet slung over left shoulder, web equipment. T.E.W.T.

Fri. 22nd Aug. 2.15 p.m. H.Q. Remainder of Coy. Dress as above. L.G. Revision (Ground). Lessons 9 to 15 Revision.

### (k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Mon. 18th Aug. 5.45 p.m. H.Q. (i) L.G. 1 and 2. Dress—Overalls and belts. Pistol instruction.

(ii) Those detailed. Thompson Sub. M.G. (iii) Remainder. L.L. instruction.

Fri. 22nd Aug. 2.30 p.m. H.Q. (i) No. 26 Pln. Officer and N.C.O.s. Dress—Summer and web belts. (ii) Company Parade. Dress—Fighting Order. a/ Thompson S.M.G. b/ Grenade training. c/ L.G. T.O.E.T. and possible stoppages.

### (l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Mon. to Sun. 18-24th Aug. Transport and Supply duties. Daily as ordered. Dress as before. Duty Officers as ordered.

Tues. 19th Aug. 5.20 p.m. St. John's Place. Whole Coy. Dress—Mufli. Gas lecture.

Thurs. 21st Aug. 5.20 p.m. St. John's Place. Whole Coy. Dress—Mufli. Gas lecture.

Fri. 22nd Aug. 5.15 p.m. Murray Parade Ground. Those detailed. Overalls and S.D. caps. Motor cycling instruction.

### (m) FIELD AMBULANCE

Tues. 19th Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Whole unit. Dress—Mufli. Unit training.

Wed. 20th Aug. 2.30 p.m. H.Q. Whole unit. Dress—Fighting order, shirt sleeves, summer, less steel helmet. Trousers to be carried in haversack. Field training.



# LAI TSUN MEET V.R.C. IN RETURN GALA TO-DAY

COMMENCING AT 8.07 P.M. THIS EVENING, AT CHINESE Y.M.C.A., LAI TSUN SWIMMING UNION MEET VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB IN THEIR RETURN AQUATIC ENCOUNTER, AND EVERYTHING POINTS TO THIS BEING ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND INTERESTING INTER-CLUB CONTESTS OF THE SEASON.

## McNEILL ON U.S. TENNIS

Frank Kovacs and Bobby Riggs are regarded by Don McNeill as the big threats to a successful defence of his American lawn tennis singles crown this summer.

The 22-year-old Oklahoman and graduate of Kenyon College at Gambler, O., makes no flat statement about his chances of repeating but he does drop something more than a veiled hint.

"You know, I didn't hit the Winter circuit so hard this past year because of my job on the administrative staff at Kenyon," McNeill says. "For that reason I'm in better shape than I was a year ago at this time."

"I'm not over-tennis as some of the boys get when they take a crack at all the big Winter tournaments."

As far as McNeill is concerned, his theory indicates he is ready to play the best tennis of his career. "I'm tuning up with a series of exhibition matches (mostly with Billy Talbert, 10th ranking player in the U.S. from Cincinnati), and I think I'm going to hit the big tournaments just about right," McNeill says.

### Kovacs Comes First

He picks Kovacs over Riggs because of the lanky Oakland, Cal., star's better showing in Winter tournaments and his progressively improving game. "Younger stars? No," he says. "I don't see anyone in sight I'd particularly call a real threat. A couple of those West Coast kids, maybe, like Jack Kramer or Wiley Van Horn, but I think they're still a year or two away."

McNeill announced he would continue to play doubles with Frankie Parker.

"Frankie has a new forehand stroke," McNeill grinned. "You know, every year I hear the same thing, and every year when I finally pair up with Frankie he has the same stroke."

## SHANGHAI CHAMPIONSHIPS ATTRACT 31 SWIMMERS

SHANGHAI SWIMMERS RESPONDED NOBLY TO THE CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR THE FOUR SHANGHAI CHAMPIONSHIPS ON THE PROGRAMME OF THE A.S.F. GALA ON AUGUST 16. WRITES THE "NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS," AND JUDGING FROM THIS "ENCOURAGING RESPONSE SOME KEEN COMPETITION IS ANTICIPATED."

The men's 100 Yards breast-stroke, normally a little-fancied championship in local aquatic circles, attracted the highest number of entries—nine—of whom O. Grebenshikoff, last year's winner, and the up-and-coming young Jackie Dodd are the most outstanding.

Several newcomers to local swimming are included in the list, such as D. Maher, J. Turner, and one or two Chinese, but unless the latter prove to be "dark horses," the championship seems to rest between Grebenshikoff and Dodd.

### None To Touch Hekking

The men's 220 Yards free-style championship has brought out a total of eight competitors and none appears likely to challenge the supremacy of R. Hekking, the city's leading free-style swimmer over the shorter distances.

Hekking was clocked at 25 seconds flat in one of the heats for the 80 yards last year, and 59 seconds for the 100, and allowing for a certain amount of improvement, it would not be surprising if he does a 2.35 in the 220 this year. Two years ago, it will be recalled, he clocked 2.38 1/5 in the junior 220, and it stands to reason, therefore, that he should better this mark by at least three seconds.

### Two Chinese Entries

C. L. Wen is the outstanding Chinese entry in this championship, while A. Griffiths and G. Stephen are two promising youngsters. Nothing is known of the qualities of Peter Volegoff and T. S. Chie.

A notable absentee in the 220 is the name of Archie Logan, who has been active in the limelight of local swimming for the past seven or eight years. Last year's winner of the event was Charles Huang, of Hong Kong, in the slow time of 2.40.

Miss Jill Peach, last year's champion and record-breaker, should be a certainty to repeat her victory in the ladies' 80 Yards back-stroke, the only other swimmer of known reputation being Vera Dodd, whose qualities are more suitably adapted to the breast-stroke.

### Doreen Gray Should Win

Similarly, the ladies' 50 Yards breast-stroke event should fall to the current holder, Miss Doreen Gray, who lowered the mark for the distance in the final last year.



D. Hutchinson, Colony 100 Yards champion, will be swimming for Victoria Recreation Club against Lai Tsun to-night at Chinese "Y".

## LEACH STILL LEADING

Donald Leach, Shanghai Inter-port cricket captain, tops Shanghai's cricket batting averages with 75.3 for 5 innings, his highest score being 76 not out. Other leading batsmen in Shanghai this summer are:

BATTING					
No. of Inns.	Total Runs	H.S.	Runs	N.O.	Ave.
D. W. Leach	5	76*	226	2	75.3
L. F. Stokes	5	45	168	1	42
A. V. T. Dean	3	102†	111	0	37
P. Madar	5	36	109	2	34.3
J. C. Jenkins	4	28	61	2	30.5
M. J. Dwyer	5	59	116	1	29
B. B. Boddy	5	74	145	0	29
J. B. Brown	2	21*	26	1	26
* Not out. † Retired.					

BOWLING					
O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.	
Kermani	57.4	17	140	21	6.6
Elliot	63.1	11	134	10	7.1
Jenkins	51.4	6	148	18	8.2
Orr	39.7	4	105	12	8.7
Woodley	61.1	16	159	18	12.2
Cherna	29.1	2	138	11	12.5
S. F. Shroff	42.1	6	201	15	13.4
P. Madar	62.4	4	238	17	14

## EARLY MORNING ROWING PRACTICES

By "Incog"

But for the fact that the international situation has necessitated additional Volunteer duties etc., rowing in the Colony would probably be experiencing a boom, as never before has there been so many active members on the list of the Rowing Section of Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

In conversation with a member of this Section, I learned that there are actually 43 members on the active list at the moment, but though there has never been more keenness shown in rowing, it has not been possible to provide any really organised programme of activities.

The Naval Volunteers, it is understood, have about 15 oarsmen in their ranks, but they are often finding it most difficult to put out even one crew. Reason for that is because these oarsmen are scattered amongst the different ships—some may be on duty while the others are free—and this has proved a tremendous handicap.

The Dutch crew are also finding it inconvenient to get together. One member is attached to 1st Bty., H.K.V.D.C., whilst the others belong to other units. When the gunner is free, the others are out on exercises and vice versa.

To get over this, members of the different crews have been arranging morning practices, and already more than one of them have been held. Those taking part in these outings gather at the Kellet Island clubhouse about 6.30 or 7 a.m., take a boat out for half-an-hour or so, and then get back to the clubhouse for a shower, change and breakfast.

Included among the Naval Volunteer oarsmen are a few who have come with good reputations from Shanghai.

These morning practices, however, appear to provide the answer to the problem of how to get organised practices in spite of other calls, and indications are that they will prove even more popular when the weather becomes cooler.

## RECREIO "A" HAVE FINE CHANCE OF TAKING THEIR REVENGE AGAINST I.R.C.

By "Skip"

IN A LAWN BOWLS PROGRAMME OF BARELY AVERAGE INTEREST THE BEST GAME SHOULD BE THE ONE BETWEEN THE INDIANS AND CLUB DE RECREIO "A". IT WILL BE REMEMBERED THAT WHEN THESE TWO MET EARLIER IN THE SEASON, THE SOOKUNPOO TEAM WON QUITE COMFORTABLY, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE GAME WAS AT KING'S PARK. THE REIGNING CHAMPIONS ARE AT FULL STRENGTH AGAIN AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT THE PREVIOUS RESULT WAS ALL WRONG.

Craigengower should be successful in their quest for points at Austin Road. They have one change, Ward for Gaddi, whilst Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" have also made an alteration or two.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A", at home to Kowloon Cricket Club, have had to find substitutes for two of their leads in Willie Walker and McNeill, neither of whom is available to-day. The home team will be expected to win in spite of this.

### Police At Recreio

Recreio "B" versus Police, as it is at King's Park, should be as even as any game, though the fact that both are in a sort of neutral zone in the League robs it of some of its interest. Tony Guterres, after a brief sojourn in the "A" team, when "B" had a day off last Saturday, continues to skip his usual rink in "B". I fancy the homesters on account of their green knowledge.

Civil Service have made sweep-

## SKIP'S

### FORECAST

FIRST DIVISION	
I.R.C. (72) v Rec. "A" (58)	
K.B.G.C. "B" v C.C.C.	
K.B.G.C. "A" (61) v K.C.C. (61)	
Rec. "B" v P.R.C.	
K.D.R.C. v C.S.C.C.	
SECOND DIVISION	
C.C.C. (70) v Rec. (42)	
K.F.C. v H.K.C.C.	
Taikoo v K. Tong	
H.K.F.C. v P.O.C.	
THIRD DIVISION	
P.R.C. v C.C.C.	
H.K.C.C. (44) v K.B.G.C. (59)	
Elec. v K.F.C.	
Rec. (51) v I.R.C. (61)	

Figures in bracket denote the result of the first round game this season. The other games were postponed due to rain.

ing changes for their game at Hung Hom, but whether they will be clean-sweeping ones remains to be seen. I think they cannot do better than secure a single point.

### K. Tong At Taikoo

Club de Recreio are at the foot of Second Division, and I am afraid to-day's game against Craigengower will not alter their position.

Taikoo, whose position in the League table is much better than it looks at first glance, will entertain Kowloon Tong and will be hard pressed to keep more than a single point as the visitors are full of fight.

Kowloon Football Club are bound to keep their position at the head of the League, despite the recent good form of their visitors, Hong Kong Cricket Club.

Prison Officers have proved rather disappointing to me this season, and I do not think they will be able to re-establish their good name against Hong Kong Football Club.

### C.C.C.'s By Task

In Third Division most interest will centre in the games on the Police green and at Chater Road. On the former sward Craigengower will endeavour to revive their forlorn championship hopes by disposing of one of their chief rivals, but I expect them to meet with little, if any, success. In spite of an improvement in the Hong Kong Cricket Club team in their last few games, they do not appear to be formidable enough to hold the present leaders, who I notice have the president of Hong Kong Lawn Bowl Association playing for them again.

Electricians look to be in for a beating, but I am not at all sure about the Club de Recreio/Indians game at King's Park. On form one should tip the latter, but I follow my hunch.

Perhaps the outstanding brother-sister tennis combination of the United States is Richard and Dora Hart of Miami High School. Dora, 16, holds the southern women's and girls' championships. Richard, 18, is the Florida inter-collegiate title-holder.

## RICHER PURSES

Three famous races at Saratoga have been increased in value according to a message from New York dated July 26.

The Whitney and The Wilson have each been increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000, while the Saratoga Cup has been raised to \$10,000.

Racing at the Spa will run from July 28 to August 30.

## BRITISH GOLF WIN IN P.I.

The annual golf match between teams representing the British and American communities in Manila was played recently at Caloocan golf course, when the British team won by 38 1/2 points to 24 1/2.

O. J. Shannon, A. C. Hall, R. A. Campbell and J. B. Grieve scored clean sweeps in their respective matches for the winners, while for the Americans J. A. Keshlar and F. V. Chamberlain were outstanding.

"A" Company, Shanghai Volunteers, last week played Shanghai Cricket Club in a friendly match which extended over two evenings. The Volunteers batted first and tallied 170, of which T. H. Kendall claimed 67. H. Orr returned the best analysis for the Cricket Club with 3 wickets for 1 run.



# HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB'S SOUNDREPORT

## Hint Of Rebuilding Scheme

Despite the fact that Hong Kong Football Club had no trophies to show at the end of the year just concluded, apart from the Blarney Shield (Seven-a-Side Rugby), the Club nevertheless returned one of the best balance sheets in recent years, stated Mr. Walter Pryde when he presided at the annual general meeting of the Club at the clubhouse, Happy Valley, last evening.

The suggestion that the prices for drinks were at present too high and should be revised met with the reply from the chairman that the matter would be left in the hands of the incoming committee.

One member also suggested that as the club benefitted materially by lending the ground to Chinese clubs, better dressing room facilities should be granted them.

Mr. Pryde replied that most of the Chinese teams had club rooms nearby, and did not really require better facilities than had been granted them. In any case, owing to the limited space, the best the club could do was to place the whole of the "Visitors' Dressing Rooms" at the disposal of such teams whenever occasion arose, and this was already being done.

In the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. H. R. Forsyth, who was engaged on Volunteer duties, Mr. W. Pryde occupied the chair, and read the president's speech. He said:—

"I am asked by our president, Mr. H. R. Forsyth, to apologise for his absence. He hopes, however, you will agree that Volunteer duties take precedence in these times, and I understand that, at this moment, he is occupied in losing much weight in the Devil's Peak area and doubtless wondering if the canteen will turn up at the appointed rendezvous.

"The Committee's report for the past season and Statement of Accounts for the year ended May 31, 1941, have been in your hands for the prescribed period and, with your permission, I propose to take them as read. The Annual Accounts are again presented in great detail and I feel there is little I can add to the information already presented to members.

### Income & Expenditure

"Total income for the year amounts to \$18,803.16 which, I am safe in saying, establishes a high record; it is certainly much higher than the average figure for the past 10 years. Total expenditure at \$10,090.88 is normal—actually it is \$33 more than the corresponding expenditure in the previous year. The difference, representing the cash surplus on working, is \$8,712.28, which is a most gratifying, if astonishing result. After applying rather heavier depreciation than usual, and providing \$1,000 as an initial transfer to Building Reserve, the net surplus revenue for the year amounts to \$155.35.

"Income from Entrance Fees and Subscriptions is remarkably steady, and it is satisfactory to note that membership has been well maintained. Our share of gate receipts has helped considerably to swell our income, and the profit on the bar is a record over the

### BASKETBALL TO-NIGHT

Two matches in the Open Basketball League will be played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. this evening when Ping Ching meet Sing Tao and Yu Leang play Black Cats.

last 10 years. This is also the first occasion on which bar profits have exceeded members' subscriptions. These gratifying results are due to various reasons—the two most apparent being (a) the timely purchase of moderately priced stocks and (b) perhaps to a lesser degree, the search for an antidote for that feeling of resentment which naturally arose from the evacuation racket. Be that as it may, the bar has done exceptionally well and, so far as can be seen, the physical well-being of members has not been in any way thereby impaired.

"Before leaving the bar, I would refer to the retirement after 36 years' service of Ah Lum, the No. 1 Boy. The payment of his pension, so well-earned, is a new item in the accounts and one which I am sure no member will question. I feel it might have been advisable to have made a stipulation that Ah Lum's pension would be paid provided he refrained from writing his reminiscences.

"It is creditable that expenditure under practically all headings has been kept well within average normal figures.

### Balance Sheet

"The Committee, I think, is to be congratulated on presenting one of the healthiest Balance Sheets on record. The good results for the year are evident in the vastly improved liquid position. Current, or realisable assets, have increased to a figure of \$10,545.91, whereas current liabilities are less than half that figure. The smaller fixed assets have been written down to nominal figures; a beginning has been made towards writing off the bowling green; and the Clubhouse will be entirely written off within two years.

"As you are aware, the Clubhouse is only a semi-permanent type of building and the time is approaching when extensive repairs will be required or, alternatively, a rebuilding scheme put in hand. The complete replacement of the roof is actually overdue, and will have to be undertaken at an early date. To this end, money must be earned and conserved. The past year has contributed well—there is actually money in the bank for the first time for six years, and it is hoped that these satisfactory results can be maintained for the next few years. You will notice that a Building Reserve has been created, and, as indicated above, we must apply ourselves energetically to the accumulation of this reserve, so that our Clubhouse and grounds may be maintained in good and worthy condition.

"In concluding my comments on the accounts, I wish to express our thanks to Mr. Black, our Hon. Treasurer, for the valuable assistance which he has again rendered to the Committee.

### "Played With Vigour"

"With regard to the general activities of the Club, you will find these fully covered in the Annual Report. On this (Continued at foot of Next Col.)

## AINSLIE GIVES UP DIVING

George Ainslie, Civil Service Cricket Club Second Division all-round cricketer, who was earlier reported to have taken up high diving, has now had to abandon all ideas in this direction owing to sinus trouble.

Ainslie says he is not sure whether he will be playing cricket again this winter, as he is thinking of joining Hong Kong Football Club to take up soccer again—a game which he has not played since he left school, but at which he then showed promise.

## REDDINGTON MAKES NO MISTAKE

CORPORAL TOM REDDINGTON, MANCHESTER, WIPED OUT THE UNSATISFACTORY DRAWN VERDICT IN HIS RECENT CONTEST IN LONDON WITH SERGEANT-INSTRUCTOR GEORGE MARKWICK, BY OUTPOINTING THE CUCK-FIELD MAN AT LEICESTER, WRITES NORMAN HURST.

Reddington was the complete master, and Markwick must be given credit for standing a scientific pounding and continually coming back for more.

Though down for a count of four in the fifth round, he defied Reddington's efforts to finish the fight, and he thrilled the crowd of 8,000 with a spirited rally in the seventh round.

This gallant effort left Markwick very tired, however. He was easy prey to a heavy right to the jaw which put him down for eight, and he was down for a further count of three in the tenth and last round, when he was bleeding from nose and mouth and had a cut eye.

Eddie Ryan (London) outpointed Harry Craster (Middlesbrough). Lack of condition told against Craster, though he put up a hard fight.

If the Giants had to bat against Max Butcher of Pittsburgh every day, it would not be the Phillies who would be resting in the cellar. Butcher has licked the New Yorks three times and has held them to an 11-inning deadlock this season.

Following is Prison Officers' Club's team for to-day:—A. W. Hircok, J. W. Harrop, J. W. Fitzgerald and W. J. Bagley (skip); W. E. Webber, J. W. Hudson, G. V. McGrath and C. Gowanland (skip); A. N. Other, W. J. McCurrah, V. H. Freeman and J. McCutcheon (skip).

occasion last year I appealed to members not to relax but to keep playing games harder than ever, primarily in the interest of fitness. I am pleased to say this was accomplished, and although no high honours or trophies came our way, both codes of football were played with vigour throughout this season.

"I have not referred specifically to bowls, but our bowling members are aware I think that their contribution to the welfare and success of the Club is fully acknowledged. As in previous seasons, their accomplishments on the green and off it have been consistent.

"In closing, I would express our thanks to our Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. L. Strange, for the great amount of time and work he has given to Club affairs, and to Mr. Watson, who kindly acted for a period during Mr. Strange's absence.

"I now formally propose that the Report and Accounts for the year ended May 31, 1941, as presented, be and are hereby adopted."

### Officers Elected

The report and accounts having been seconded by Mr. J. Skinner and adopted, the meeting proceeded with the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—

President: Mr. H. R. Forsyth. Vice-president: Mr. W. Pryde.

Committee: J. Skinner (chairman); F. Fowler and A. Upton (captain and vice-captain); Association XI (respectively); A. M. Kennedy; and J. C. Charter (captain) and vice-captain; Rugby XV (respectively); J. A. Howell, G. E. Stephens, R. P. Shaw, W. M. Thomson, J. Redman, C. F. Needham, D. Black (Hon. Treas.) and A. Watson (Hon. Sec.).

At the end of the meeting Mr. J. Skinner, new chairman of the committee, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. E. L. Strange, outgoing Hon. Secretary, for the hard work he had put in on behalf of the Club during his several terms of office.

## THREE-GAME BASEBALL CARD THIS WEEK-END: ALL-STAR TILT TO-DAY

By "Grandstand"

AS A WELCOME CHANGE FROM THE DULL GAMES THAT WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO WITNESS FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS, BASEBALL FANS WILL BE GIVEN A TREAT THIS WEEK WITH A THREE-GAME CARD, FEATURED BY THE U. S. NAVY — HONG KONG ALL STARS CHARITY TILT THIS AFTERNOON, IN THE FIRST OF THEIR ANNUAL 'FIVE-GAME-CLASSIC'.

In the night-cap, Chung Hwa Maroons tangle with Royal Engineers in the last League encounter, whilst the pennant-winners, Mindanaoans, also wind up their season's fixtures when they take on South China to-morrow at 11 a.m.

The U.S.A.-India scrap, originally scheduled for to-morrow, has been postponed to Tuesday, 5.30 p.m., owing to the absence of several members of the Indian team, who are away on Volunteer exercises.

### Heavy Work Ahead

U.S.S. Mindanao being the only U.S. ship in port, Uncle Sam's Navy will be represented by the Mighty "M" in this year's benefit series, leaving a heavy assignment in the hands of the blue-jackets, since most of the Mindanao moorers will also be holding key positions in the U.S. Squad of the International series, which will be conducted concurrently with the Navy-All Stars contest.

Opening battery for the Navy side this afternoon will probably be manager Lou Pawloski on the mound with Tony Mascavage taking on hind-sneaking duties. Relied hurler Henry "Crooner" Ruel will probably be reserved for the easier tilt against the Carolinians to-morrow. Base guardians will probably be Ruel, Ray Wilson and "Greasy" Moore, forming the key-stone combination, and Bowersox holding the far turn, whilst gardening berths will be given to Mac McKenzie, Earl ("High-stepper") Wilson and Gronbeck.

### Ching-Lum Battery

Opposing the Navy nine, Wally Ching and Nip Lum will be seen together for the first time this season, as battery mates. The rest of the starting line-up, with "Grandpa" Leung calling, the plays from the bench, will be Morocco Chan, Bill Chang, Tony Alves, George Souza, Gerry Gosano, Mark Wong, and Hank Ali.

Both Chung Hwa Maroons and Royal Engineers complete their League schedule when they cross bats in to-day's night-cap. Coach "Grandpa" Leung's Maroons clinched an impressive double play last week, when they severely trounced Hong Kong Baseballers, and are down to take this tilt to wind up their season in a blaze of glory.

With the wire in sight, and assured of finishing in the upper bracket, it is

### Easy Game For "M"

The merry-makers from the Mindanao should have an easy time when they come across the cellar-dormats, South China nine, the losingest team in the loop.

Line-up for the Carolinians will be the same Paul Lau-Hal Wingtee battery, with Ernie Moy holding the tuffal ball, Nel Ma and Cecil Wingtee forming the mid-way duo and Texas Ng holding the far turn. Ball-hawks, slated for a busy afternoon in the pastures, will be Dopey Lo, Smally Pang and Pat Wong.

### Week-End Programme

TO-DAY  
2.30 p.m.—U.S. Navy v. Hong Kong All Stars (Charity series).  
4.30 p.m.—Chung Hwa v. Royal Engineers (League game).  
TO-MORROW  
11.00 a.m.—South China v. U.S.S. Mindanao (League game).

### SOFTBALL TO-MORROW

A friendly softball match will be played to-morrow, commencing at 10 a.m., at Caroline Hill between the Indian Police Reserves and the Indian Staff, Royal Naval Dockyard, whose team will be: O. el Arculli (Capt.), A. R. Razack, S. Hameet, A. R. Abbas, A. H. Abbas, A. R. Markar, A. R. Abbas, M. Y. Hussain, A. M. Abbas, K. Nazarin and A. A. Razack.

Gregory Rice, proclaimed, generally the greatest runner over two miles ever produced by the United States, has been pronounced physically unfit for military service. The examination at which the draft board reached its decision was made only a few days after Rice had run the greatest two-mile race. On a Chicago indoor track, Rice covered two miles in 8 mins. 51.10 secs., which was 3.1 secs. faster than his own previous world record and 1.5 secs. faster than the recognized outdoor record.

## Easier Golf

### FAST SWINGING

#### By Best Ball

Golfers who are prone to take their driver back fast, and then swish it downward from the top rapidly, may find a remedy for their trouble in a heavier club. Handling a light club, the golfer may feel, unconsciously perhaps, that the only way he can pack distance onto the shot is to hit the ball as hard as possible. Even if he realises that dashing the club down in this fast tempo is wrong and vows to take it slower next time, the power of habit will tend to prevent him from carrying out the resolution. The result is a return to the same old error. A solution may lie in the use of a heavier club for a weightier implement has a tendency to slow down the swing. The player becomes more conscious of the extra weight and its implications in the stroke.

The change should not be too great for too heavy a club may rob the stroke of rhythm and proper timing. Clubs feel different on different occasions, which is not unusual, but it shows, just what problems the golfer has



to contend with to be effective. Lighter clubs have been known to give greater distance on occasion, due to greater clubhead speed, but harnessing this speed at all times accurately is difficult. Next Article: Natural Golfers.



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# CRISIS IN JAPAN

## Extremists Demanding Positive Action

### "KASIMA MARU" BREAKS LINK

The last Australian-Japanese shipping link was broken when the "Kasima Maru" sailed from Sydney last night, taking over 100 Japanese.

They included the 10-year-old daughter of the newly-arrived Japanese consul-general.—Reuter.

### GRAVEST WARNING YET

The joint Churchill-Roosevelt declaration has been received with the greatest satisfaction in official circles in Batavia.

"The statement is entirely up to the high ideals we cherish of President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill," was the comment of one observer.

General reaction to the statement is that it not only gives renewed hope to the oppressed nations but also strengthens the position of the N.E.I. for the re-

## MEANING OF HIRANUMA AFFAIR

JAPAN'S INTERNAL CRISIS IS APPROACHING THE MOST CRITICAL STAGE, DECLARED THE INFLUENTIAL CHUNGKING CHINESE DAILY NEWSPAPER, "TA KUNG PAO," YESTERDAY, COMMENTING ON THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF BARON HIRANUMA.

Japanese extremists, the newspaper stated, are becoming impatient with the status quo tactics of the Konoye Cabinet and are demanding positive action.

Japan's previous tactics, to use external difficulties to forestall domestic upheaval, are becoming futile, it was added.

No amount of police and military pressure can hold down the dissatisfaction among the Japanese people towards the present Government.

After pointing out that the coming crisis in Tokyo will merely give an opportunity for the

rejection of any further moves that might disturb the peace of these regions.

Although no special mention was made of Japan, observers further point out the declaration is the gravest warning yet issued to the Axis powers.—Reuter.

Japanese military authorities to further restrict the rights of the Japanese people, the "Ta Kung Pao" urged the Japanese people to rise and overthrow the present regime.

It urges the establishment of a new Japan, thereby ensuring the construction of peace, mutual cooperation and co-prosperity between China and Japan.—Reuter.

### "Must-Go" List

The attempt on the life of Baron Hiranuma might mean the prelude to a turbulent political crisis in the days to come, in the opinion of Chinese students of Japanese affairs.

These observers believe that the dastardly act was instigated by the radical elements in the Fascist clique whose list of "must go" Ministers probably includes the whole Cabinet with the exception of Suzuki, Tojo and Oikawa.

It is emphasised that Japan's dilemma after four years of futile war on China is linked more with internal difficulties than with international problems.—Central News.

## CHEMICAL WARFARE WARNING

"Be ready for chemical warfare," is the heading of an article in the Moscow newspaper "Pravda," announced Moscow Radio yesterday.

The paper says that the Nazis are preparing a new and unprecedented act of brutality — with the use of poisonous substances.

"The enemy has carefully elaborated the technique and tactics of chemical warfare: he hopes that a gas attack will take us unawares. But he has miscalculated. Our task is to be always and everywhere ready for chemical attack."

Units of German troops taken prisoner were subsequently revealed, according to Russian reports, as special gas-equipped troops.—Reuter.

## CHINESE HAVE A PURPOSE

"CHINA IS UNCONQUERABLE," SAID MR. NELSON T. JOHNSON, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, WHO SAILED FROM SAN FRANCISCO ON TUESDAY TO TAKE UP HIS NEW POST AS U.S. MINISTER TO AUSTRALIA.

"The Chinese are a united people. They have a purpose."

Commenting on the Churchill-Roosevelt talks, Mr. Johnson said he expected one result would be closer collaboration between the United States and Australia.—Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

That Britain and the United States "desire to retain the domination of the world," is the consensus of diplomatic commentators in the Tokyo newspapers dealing with the Anglo-American eight-point declaration.

For example the "Asahi Shimbun" says the Pax Britannica and Pax Americana mean nothing more nor less than Anglo-American world domination by means of armed force.

The "Nichi-Nichi Shimbun" discerns in the Anglo-American moves an attempt to split public opinion in other countries, particularly in Japan.

Similarly the omission of the Far East from the statement is branded by the "Yomiuri Shimbun" as an insidious move to break Japanese solidarity in attempts to revive liberalism so as eventually to induce Japan to secede from the Three-Power Alliance.—Reuter.

President Roosevelt and Mr. Winston Churchill have jointly proposed to M. Stalin that high British and American representatives should meet him in Moscow to discuss the allocation of war supplies to Russia.

This message, which was published in Washington last night, was delivered to M. Stalin by the British and American Ambassadors to Moscow during yesterday afternoon.

The message praised the "Soviet's splendid defence."—Reuter.

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## DNIEPER BATTLE LOOMING

(Continued from Page 1)

### Waiting Second Wind

In other parts of the front there has been no appreciable change and there is nothing to show that a fresh big offensive has been inaugurated.

Both sides must be waiting for their second wind, both at Smolensk and Kiev.

A certain amount of activity by the Finns has been apparent but no striking developments.

### Marshal Budenny's Tactics

The admitted abandonment by Russian forces of Kirovograd (formerly Elizavetgrad) and Pervomorsk, shows that the German forces have crossed the main railway from Odessa and are now threatening the main railway line from Nikolaev.

But the next few days will show whether the German offensive will be even partly successful in achieving the primary objective, which is the capture of the important industrial region within the Dnieper, including the great iron ore centre at Krivoye Rodno, Toret, the Dnieper Dam, and Dnieper, Prokopyevsk (formerly Yekaterinoslav), the industrial area.

The German claim to have already captured Krivoye Rodno, which produces a substantial proportion of Russian iron ore, has been denied in Moscow.

The next few days will disclose to what extent Marshal Budenny's armies deliberately

withdrew to terrain which is more easily defensible and more essential to hold than the rural west Ukraine.

### Strong Stand Ahead

Already the indications are that the Russians might attempt to hold the Germans on the line covering the industrial area with the two ends of the Dnieper Bend as support points which might roughly be placed somewhere in the vicinity of Kremenchug on the one side and with Nikolaev or Kerson on the other.

Apart from the Russian army which, it seems, retreated with the obvious purpose of evading a pitched battle on the unsuitable terrain of west Ukraine, and which may now take a strong stand, the Germans will also have to contend when inside the Dnieper Bend with the local industrial population which is not only intensely patriotic but also devoted to the regime which is responsible for this region's vast development and prosperity.

These people are largely descended from the famous Cossacks which had been immortalised in Taras, Bulba and Pergogol. They are the descendants of tough freedom-loving Russians who for centuries fought the Polish and Turkish invaders.

The region inside the Dnieper Bend represents roughly one-third the total of Ukrainian industry, the rest of which is farther east, including the Don Basin.—Reuter.

The following is the text of the Soviet midnight communiqué issued by the Soviet Information Bureau: "During August 15 our troops continued fierce fighting with the enemy along the whole front. Our air force in cooperation with the land forces continued to deal blows to enemy troops and attacked his aircraft on aerodromes. According to incomplete data 21 German aircraft were destroyed on August 14. We lost 11 planes."—Reuter.

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